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CLEAT Endorses Governor Greg Abbott

AUSTIN — The Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, or CLEAT, is endorsing Governor Greg Abbott of Texas.

“Governor Abbott’s commitment to law enforcement issues and to the women and men of law enforcement has allowed us to do our jobs and keep our families and businesses safe. Because of his strong commitment to protecting our citizens, Texas has become the economic engine of this country,” said Marvin Ryals, President of CLEAT.

Ryals, a Deputy Sheriff from El Paso County, cites Governor Abbott’s signing of HB 1900 and SB 23 as critical to CLEAT’s support.

“Texas sent a clear message to anti-police politicians who seek to locally defund the police. The bills he signed into law financially penalize cities and counties who choose to cut their police budget,” said President Marvin Ryals.

“Texas law enforcement officers face danger and violence every day and Governor Abbott has always been vocal in supporting and standing with rank-and-file officers who are sworn to protect our communities,” stated Ryals.

The CLEAT Executive Board is made up of elected full-time law enforcement officers. CLEAT is an independent labor organization representing 27,000-plus members statewide in over 800 law enforcement agencies, and represents more than 100 local law enforcement associations. CLEAT does not seek or accept any local, state or federal grants and is solely funded by its members.

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