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## **Message from CLEAT President Regarding Legislative Session**

**EL PASO** — Texas law enforcement officers put their lives on the line daily to protect their communities. These men and women are under attack by the media, woke DAs, and activists. These attacks have led to the lowest morale in the profession ever. Officers are retiring or resigning in droves. Replacements are not able to be hired. Staffing is critical.

The Texas Legislature, in a drama-filled 88th session, had the opportunity to send a clear message of support for law enforcement, but instead the response was mediocre at best.

Proposed legislation creating due process for officers facing the unfair Brady List persecution by woke DAs, the defense of prosecution for officers being charged with deploying less lethal force, and to reign in activist-driven police oversight boards all failed.

“Modest legislative measures that would have protected my brave sisters and brothers of law enforcement were killed in secret by politicians,” said Lt. Marvin Ryals, President of the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, or CLEAT.

Even legislation that could have stopped cities’ adverse employment action against officers suffering from PTSD was killed for the fourth legislative session. Bills giving simple due process rights to Harris County Constables died after the third session. Bills that could have brought fairness to ISD and University officer retirement systems were also killed.

“Career politicians like Representative Joe Moody from right here in El Paso rake in massive amounts of cash from rich special interests so they can go over to Austin and hurt working cops,” said Ryals. “The people of Texas support their hometown heroes. The politicians didn’t get their work done, so Governor Abbott has ordered them back in a series of ‘Special Sessions.’ While they meet and fuss like children about how much of our money they will take and squander on foolishness...we get to talk about protecting our communities from criminals. We intend to spend our time wisely educating the voters on who has backstabbed and betrayed Texas’ Finest!”

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