



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**Greetings:**

As Governor of Texas, I am pleased to welcome you to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas-EU Business Summit in Austin.

The Lone Star State is renowned for its rich heritage and culture — a reflection of the many people from near and far who have settled here to pursue their dreams. Our society is strengthened immeasurably by our diverse population's ingenuity, vision and enterprise.

Texas continues to be widely recognized as having the strongest economy in the nation. Just take a look at the facts: Texas has been the nation's top exporter for 16 years running, we are a national leader in job creation, and we remain a top relocation destination for businesses and families. The Lone Star State boasts a thriving business climate that promotes fairness, job growth and economic prosperity.

Events like this are excellent opportunities for our partners from around the globe to unleash the entrepreneurial nature of the Lone Star State. They also help forge stronger business relationships between the United States and Europe, which is a vital connection in our global economy.

To those who traveled to be here, I hope you enjoy your stay in our capital city. From historic landmarks to beautiful scenery, Austin has something for everyone to enjoy.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in wishing you a successful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott  
Governor