



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**Greetings:**

As Governor of Texas, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas-European Union Business Summit hosted by the World Affairs Council of Austin.

Texas is a premier economic destination for both American and global businesses and continues to be recognized as the strongest economy in the United States. Our low taxes, reasonable regulatory structure, and entrepreneurial citizens combine with a rich heritage and culture to create a business-friendly environment of job growth and prosperity. I am proud of Texas' long record of economic success, and I know we have much to look forward to in the future.

This year's Texas-European Union Business Summit brings together businesses, entrepreneurs, economic development professionals, and policymakers from both sides of the Atlantic to make connections that will expand trade opportunities and increase beneficial international cooperation for all involved. The Lone Star State's reputation of economic excellence is globally renowned, and together we will continue to build upon our records of success by fostering these vital partnerships both domestically and internationally.

I join you in looking forward to the opportunities and open doors this summit will provide to grow our collective prosperity and strengthen our cultural and economic ties. The partnerships between Texas and the European Union will continue to play a pivotal role in ensuring prosperous futures for both the United States and Europe.

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

Sincerely,

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

Greg Abbott  
Governor