



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

Greetings:

As Governor of Texas, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 12th Annual Texas-European Union Business Summit, hosted by the World Affairs Council of Austin.

Texas is proud to be the 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 business-friendly climate combine with a rich history of bold entrepreneurs seeking to create a thriving economic environment of job growth and prosperity. As the number one exporting state for the past 20 years and the top state for both foreign investments and commercial development, I am proud of the Lone Star State's 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 create and expand trade opportunities while also increasing beneficial international cooperation for all parties. The Lone Star State's reputation of economic excellence is globally renowned, and together we will continue to build upon our proven records of success by fostering these vital partnerships both domestically and internationally.

At this time, I join you in looking forward to the many opportunities this summit will provide as we improve 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 sending best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

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

Greg Abbott
Governor