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**FORWARD LATINO CONDEMNS TEXAS GOVERNOR'S FUNDRAISING LETTER & DEMANDS  
STATE ACTION AGAINST WHITE SUPREMACY & INCREASED FUNDING FOR INCLUSION PROGRAMS**

**Franklin, Wis.-** Forward Latino condemns the fundraising letter sent by Texas Governor Greg Abbott on August 2, 2019 and calls on the Governor to take immediate state action against organizations promoting white supremacy and to lead efforts that will result in a dramatic increase in funding for state inclusion programs.

The following is a statement by Forward Latino President Darryl Morin:

"Four weeks ago today on August 3, 2019 a domestic terrorist drove almost 9 hours to El Paso, Texas to as he admitted, kill "Mexicans." By the end of the day he would surrender to police after taking 22 lives and wounding many more. Yesterday Texas Governor Greg Abbott offered a public apology for his fundraising letter mailed the day before the El Paso mass shooting. In that letter the Governor encouraged his supporters to "**DEFEND** Texas" and to "take matters into our own hands" over the issue of immigration. While an apology was necessary, it is not nearly enough. The Governor had been warned about the potential risks of continuing his inflammatory and anti-immigrant remarks. Tragically, Governor Abbott chose to ignore these warnings and put his fundraising efforts before the lives of Texans. Forward Latino calls on Governor Abbott to demonstrate his true remorse by taking swift and immediate state action against white supremacist organizations operating within the State of Texas and by leading efforts that will result in a dramatic increase in funding for state programs that promote the inclusion of all Texans."

*About Forward Latino:*

Forward Latino is a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy and service organization dedicated to assisting Latinos pursuing the American Dream. Forward Latino fulfills its mission through advocacy, civic engagement, education and service delivery. Forward Latino currently has members in 19 states. Learn more at [www.forwardlatino.org](http://www.forwardlatino.org).

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