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## Abbott Releases Statement on Texas' "Constitutional Right to Self-defense"

Texas Governor Greg Abbott, after posting on X yesterday about Texas having a right to use razor wire to defend its border with Mexico from illegal crossings, released an official statement today outlining his position on the issue:

My statement on Texas' constitutional right to self-defense.

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— Greg Abbott  
(@GregAbbott\_TX) [January 24, 2024](#)



AP Images  
Greg Abbott

Abbott outlined how the federal government under the Biden administration "has broken the compact between the United States and the States," and that "Biden has ignored Texas' demand that he perform his constitutional duties." He went on to list several ways in which the Biden administration has, through its policies, caused the current immigration crisis.

Abbott concluded,

For these reasons, I have already declared an invasion under Article I, § 10, Clause 3 to invoke Texas's constitutional authority to defend and protect itself. That authority is the supreme law of the land and supersedes any federal statutes to the contrary. The Texas National Guard, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and other Texas personnel are acting on that authority, as well as state law, to secure the Texas border.



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