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### **TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION STATEMENT ON AG PAXTON INVESTIGATION**

Texas Bar Foundation Chair-Elect Alistair Dawson issued the following statement in response to an investigation launched by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton in regard to charitable grants awarded by the Foundation:

“The Foundation is extremely disappointed to learn that AG Paxton has decided to use taxpayer dollars on a fruitless exercise. Had AG Paxton taken the time to come and speak with us rather than issue a press release, I am confident that he would have found no wrongdoing on the part of the Foundation. Nevertheless, the Foundation is happy to cooperate and provide the AG’s office with documents and information relevant to the investigation.

Thousands of Texans have had their lives changed because of grants received from the Texas Bar Foundation. General Paxton is misinformed. The Foundation does not receive funding from taxpayer dollars. To the contrary, our grants are made possible by the generosity of Texas lawyers. We receive voluntary contributions from the Fellows of the Foundation, and those contributions enable the Foundation to award millions of dollars in grants. We will proudly continue to award grants to much-needed charities throughout Texas going forward.”

The Texas Bar Foundation is a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization, governed by a Board of Trustees composed of attorneys and public members from across Texas. The Bar Foundation provides grants to charities throughout Texas to enhance the rule of law and system of justice in Texas. The Foundation helps fund new and start-up projects to assist these charities. The Foundation was created in 1965 and has awarded more than \$24 million in grants since its creation.

For more information on the Texas Bar Foundation, visit <https://txbf.org/>

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Alistair B. Dawson  
Chair-elect