

# Gov. Rick Perry Leads Texas Stand to Ban Gays From Boy Scouts

A group of over 60 Texas elected officials have signed on to an open letter encouraging the **Boy Scouts of America** to stay true to their long-standing support of family values and moral principles. They joined Texas Gov. **Rick Perry**, who had previously announced his support for the Boy Scouts and their current policy on homosexuality.

“Gov. Rick Perry, and now over 60 fellow elected officials in Texas, are showing the Boy Scouts that they’re not alone in standing for their values. As leaders from the Boy Scouts organization meet in Texas, we hope that seeing the solidarity of so many Texas leaders will encourage them to reaffirm their current policy on homosexuality,” says Family Research Council President Tony Perkins.

Thanks to the organizing efforts of Texas Values, he says, the Lone Star State’s vocal support of the Boy Scouts and parental rights is being heard.

“Last year the Boy Scouts confirmed that ‘the vast majority of the parents’ of Boy Scouts reserve to themselves the right to introduce and give guidance on sexual topics,” Perkins continued. “Gov. Perry and these Texas officials understand that, and are putting parents’ rights first, and we applaud them for it.”