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Commissioner Buckingham Applauds General Land Office's Border Wall Victory in Court

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AUSTIN — Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D., released the following statement on the preliminary injunction granted today by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas in a federal lawsuit filed by the General Land Office (GLO) that prohibits the Biden Administration from using any congressionally allocated border wall funding for anything other than physical walls, barriers or fencing along the southern border:

"This ruling is a significant victory in Texas' pursuit of border security and ensuring that the White House follows the Rule of Law. Thankfully, this ruling guarantees that the Biden Administration will not be able to use congressionally allocated funding on any initiatives other than constructing physical walls, fencing, or buoys along the southern border," said Commissioner Buckingham. "As this border crisis continues to intensify, Texas is at the forefront of this battle to protect its citizens from this federally facilitated invasion. Under my watch, I promise the Texas General Land Office will stand strong in the fight to protect Texans and our country's national security."

After assuming office, President Biden announced that he would simply no longer follow the law, illegally halted all construction to build the wall on our southern border and diverted those congressionally appropriated border wall funds to other projects. The GLO filed a lawsuit in 2021 in order to hold the Biden Administration accountable to the Rule of Law. The GLO owns over 500,000 acres of land near the U.S.-Mexico border, with an estimated 31 linear miles along the Rio Grande.