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Judge Kevin Benton
County Judge
Montague County
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Dear Judge Benton:

As the Honorary Texas Chair of the Alamo Letter Society, I am offering this letter of support for the placement of a plaque of William Barret Travis's 1836 "Victory or Death" letter at the Montague County Courthouse. This is a recast of the famous plaque in front of the Alamo chapel in San Antonio. The Alamo Letter Society was initiated out of a desire to ensure this famous letter is placed prominently at every county courthouse in Texas. Currently, the Alamo Letter Society has assisted in the placement of over 25 bronze plaques at county courthouses across the state.

The Travis Letter tells the Texas story, and exemplifies how liberty, perseverance, and the determination to succeed were crucial to Texas' independence. Over time, it has been recognized as one of the most important documents in American history. Our goal is to provide all Texans access to this letter within the heart of our communities.

I hope that you will join this effort to provide a place for the Travis Letter plaque on the grounds of the Montague County Courthouse. The installation of the plaque will be a successful and solid investment in the preservation of Texas ideals. The Travis Letter is an invaluable piece of Texas history and I know Texans across the state will enjoy this piece of history in your community.

Join me and the Alamo Letter Society in making sure every county courthouse has a Travis Letter plaque in place by Independence Day 2026. To get more information on the initiative and start the process of securing a plaque for your county courthouse, contact Alamo Letter Society Chairman Bill McNutt at (214) 537-9311 or Recruiting Chairman Dr. Danny Reeves at (903) 641-8840. You can also find more information at www.AlamoLetter.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Patrick".

Dan Patrick
Lieutenant Governor