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Chris Furlow is President and CEO of the Texas Bankers Association, America's oldest and largest state banking organization. TBA advocates for nearly 400 of its member bank and trust companies, primarily community banks. TBA provides nationally recognized community banking services in 49 states and invests in Texas communities through financial literacy, scholarship and charitable activities.

Furlow brings over 30 years of experience to his role, particularly on issues of risk management. Prior to joining TBA, Furlow was president of Ridge Global, an international risk management firm helping clients in banking/financial services and other sectors. Following the 9/11 attacks, he was named Director for State Affairs in the White House Office of Homeland Security and was later appointed as Executive Director of the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) at the Department of Homeland Security. He is a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce and congressional staff member.

Furlow, a graduate of Louisiana State University, serves on the Board of Trustees of the Southwest Graduate School of Banking (SWGSB) Foundation at Southern Methodist University and the Smith-Hutson Banking Advisory Board at Sam Houston State University. He is a private sector member of Texas Cybersecurity Council and an advisory board member of the American Free Enterprise Chamber of Commerce.

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