

Statement Regarding Upcoming Session

As conservative Members of the Texas House, we are proud to support the re-election of Speaker Joe Straus. Speaker Straus will be decisively re-elected because he encourages members to vote in their districts' best interests and because he is a fair, principled leader.

We are proud Texas is the best state to live, work, and raise a family. We know this is largely due to our strong economy, low regulations, positive business climate, and traditional family values. The Texas House has consistently produced conservative results to help further Texas's success. Among our accomplishments under Speaker Straus's leadership are:

- Banning abortions after 20 weeks and tightening restrictions on providers
- Requiring a sonogram before an abortion
- Increasing border security funding to keep Texans safe
- Blocking illegal immigrants from obtaining drivers licenses
- Passing drug testing for people receiving unemployment benefits
- Passing balanced state budgets without raising taxes
- Rejecting Medicaid expansion under Obamacare
- Passing a successful voter ID program in 2011
- Safe-guarding Second Amendment rights

We are committed to upholding conservative principles that limit government, protect individual rights, encourage free markets, and protect family values. We know Speaker Straus supports these principles too, and for these reasons, we support his re-election as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

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