## Conservatives' Statement on the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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The 84<sup>th</sup> Legislature will face issues that are absolutely critical to the future of our state, ranging from spending to transportation to Second Amendment rights. The House needs a proven conservative as Speaker to lead us during these important times. We and other Republicans proudly support the re-election of Speaker Straus.

Members both respect and appreciate Speaker Straus. He empowers members, and the results speak for themselves. During his time as Speaker, the House has delivered balanced budgets, expanded charter schools to offer parents more choice, cut taxes, tripled funding for border security, passed pro-life legislation, and defended the Second Amendment. This is the kind of conservative record that we were elected to implement, and Speaker Straus has played a key role in forwarding Texas' conservative values.

As members, we take this decision very seriously, but it isn't difficult. Speaker Straus has earned another term, and we know he will use it to provide the conservative results that our constituents want. We look forward to working with Speaker Straus and invite all House Republicans to unite behind him.

Signed,

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