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AUSTIN – As duly elected members of the Texas House of Representatives, we are looking forward to getting to work starting January 13, 2015 to ensure that Texas remains the best state to live, work and raise a family. The first function of Texas government is to make sure the safety and security of all Texas citizens is well established. It is for that reason that the Texas House of Representatives tripled border security spending over the last three years and has established that only legal residents can obtain a driver license or register a car. Our highly successful border surge, which has led to a 69% drop in border apprehension, has just been extended through this coming August.

Texas has achieved many other accomplishments on the conservative front. Over the course of the last four years, we have taken the nation's lead in the movement to protect the lives of the unborn by enacting our sonogram law and banning abortion procedures after 20 weeks. In addition, the integrity of our elections is safeguarded thanks to our 2011 Voter ID law, widely viewed as the strongest in the nation. We have also balanced our budgets with tax cuts, invested in areas critical to our economic success, and kept Texas the 4th lowest state in per capita spending.

Many of these accomplishments would not have been possible were it not for House Speaker Joe Straus and his member driven approach to allowing the conservative majority of the Texas House to set and control the agenda. These and many other reasons are why over 80% of the Republican members of the Texas House support the reelection of Speaker Straus and we are among those ranks. Texas is in good hands with Speaker Straus, Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick and all our Republican colleagues. Together we will keep Texas the envy of the nation.

May God Bless Texas,

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