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Representative Steve Allison's follow-up Statement Regarding the Recent Release of the Recording of the Meeting Between Speaker Dennis Bonnen, House Republican Caucus Chair Dustin Burrows, and Michael Quinn Sullivan of Empower Texans.

The recent release of the recording of the meeting between Dennis Bonnen, Dustin Burrows and Michael Quinn Sullivan and subsequent statements and conduct has not changed, but rather reinforced, the inescapable facts and concerns set forth in my earlier statement of August 7, 2019.

After several hours of discussion this past Friday, the House Republican Caucus finally issued a statement condemning the actions and comments of Speaker Bonnen and Representative Burrows. I joined a number of my fellow members in voting against such statement as I did not believe such action sufficient to address the serious division, distrust, and harm caused by both men. Even that statement, though, provides indication that Speaker Bonnen and Representative Burrows have been rendered ineffective to continue serving in leadership positions.

We must demand honesty, integrity, and respect from our members. Speaker Bonnen and Representative Burrows have lost the confidence and trust required of a member in such a position. Consequently, I am no longer able to support Dennis Bonnen as Speaker of the Texas House and implore both Bonnen and Burrows to take the necessary actions to do what is right in this disturbing situation.

What is the true important interest here, and what must not be lost, is the honor and integrity of the House of Representatives, our legislative process, and the confidence and trust of the citizens of Texas.

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