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To Whom It May Concern:

We are proud to reaffirm our support for Tom Craddick as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

Texas has faced many challenges since 2003, including unprecedented efforts to disrupt the work of the House of Representatives, yet the House has managed to meet its obligations to the people. In the course of three regular sessions and four special sessions on school finance, the House under Tom Craddick's leadership:

1. Balanced the budget without raising taxes
2. Added transparency to the appropriations process
3. Kept schools open by passing a school finance plan, increased spending each session on public education and appropriated money for a 13th check for retired teachers.
4. Set a goal of expanding renewable energy.
5. Increased the utilization of technology to help reduce medical errors
6. Passed a landowners' bill of rights to protect property rights
7. Passed "Jessica's Law" to increase penalties for child predators
8. Increased the number of registered nurses by directing funding to nursing programs.
9. Created an online, virtual school network.
10. Eliminated the TAKS test in favor of end-of-course exams at the high school level.

These are but a few of the many things that the Texas Legislature has accomplished under the leadership of Speaker Craddick.

Because of his record of success, we stand resolutely behind Tom Craddick and continue to support his re-election as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

Representative Warren Chisum, Representative Linda Harper-Brown, Representative Carl Isett, Representative Phil King, Representative Jodie Laubenberg, Representative Ken Paxton, Representative Dan Flynn, Representative Geanie Morrison, Representative Bryan Hughes, Representative Bill Callegari, Representative Larry Taylor, Representative Wayne Christian