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The Honorable Rick Perry Governor of Texas Office of the Governor P.O. Box 12428 Austin, TX 78711-2428

Dear Governor Perry:

I read this weekend that you might be reorganizing the state's lobbying efforts in Washington due to the shift in power. While I have not made a definite decision as to where to light, it is coming down to two firms that would both have me doing government relations work in both DC and Texas. A final decision should be made within the next couple of weeks. During the course of the reorganization, if you would be willing to consider utilizing my talents, I would be most grateful. I continue to have strong relationships in DC with the new majority and it would certainly send a loud message regarding your willingness to work together going forward. By the way, I thought meeting with the Democratic delegation from Texas was a very smart and admirable move and I know my former colleagues appreciated it.

I can be reached by email at chrisbell@tmo.blackberry.net or by cell phone, 713/493-1662. Congratulations on an icy yet successful inauguration. I hope you're doing well.

Sineerely,

Chris Bell