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Dear Democratic Colleagues:

Today, with the filing of the 8-day-out report, the House Democratic Campaign Committee will report spending over \$1,000,000 since July 1, 2008 in contributions to support Democrats running for election and re-election to the Texas House.

No one knows what the election will bring, but you should take a brief moment for a pat on the back. Our fundraising success is another sign of our mutual commitment and of what we have already accomplished by working together. We have since 2003 gained nine seats in the House. Regardless of November 4th's results, the successes of this election season have already brought us a powerful sense of unity and purpose.

The \$1 million in contributions to candidates does not include the primary election cycle and does not include overhead and salaries - we're talking real money put into supporting and protecting incumbents and regaining the majority on November 4th. Only a very few political organizations at the state level raise, spend or contribute more than \$1 million during any single election cycle. Today, the HDCC surpasses that \$1 million dollar threshold, and it would not have happened without us all working together.

When the HDCC started in 2004, it had one contract employee, a few thousand dollars in the bank and a 26 seat deficit in numbers. No one imagined taking back the House in 3 election cycles was remotely possible. Because of the numbers and a punitive redistricting map, we thought a 10 year plan was optimistic, and only hopelessly delusional optimists thought about a majority by 2009 (apologies to Lon).

What started initially as a simple idea to form a PAC where House Democrats could help fellow Democratic members has grown to become one of the most trusted, respected and impressive political operations in Texas. You should be proud to be part of that effort.

In addition to money spent by the HDCC, we know that our Democratic House members have donated tens of thousands of dollars directly to their colleagues' campaigns. Our members also contributed over \$50,000 to Blue Texas to help jumpstart their magnificent effort. The fact that Democrats have picked up 9 seats in the Texas House since 2004, while consistently winning re-election in over a dozen seats drawn to elect Republicans, is an objective and indisputable testament to the good work being done by our Democratic members, Democratic candidates, the HDCC, and our partners.

One million dollars is a heck of a lot of money - particularly in the face of our

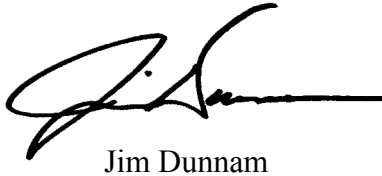
opposition. It is the tangible result of tireless work done by Texas Democrats who want to restore a sense of balance to the Texas House. You should know that the confidence shown us by donors is really a direct result of our Caucus unity demonstrated session after session in the face of adversity. They saw us fighting the good fight, persevering in the face of overwhelming odds and standing tall for the people of Texas. Our unity of voice and effort has not been in vain.

We want to thank you, our fellow House Democrats, for your help. It's good to know that sometimes hard work and fighting for what's right succeeds. Now, let's take this momentum and use this next week to get across the finish line.

Sincerely,

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Garnet Coleman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Dunnam".

Jim Dunnam

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete P. Gallego".

Pete Gallego