



# SENATOR DAN PATRICK

## DISTRICT 7

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Dear [REDACTED]

It's hard to believe that it has been almost two years since we captured nearly 69 percent of the primary vote in Senate District 7 (80 percent in your State Representative District - 130). Together, we sent a loud and clear message to Austin.

Our message was a message of change.

We fought hard to make sure the Austin establishment knew that we meant business. We knew that Austin would be slow to change. But I was disappointed to discover that your representative, Corbin Van Arsdale (House District 130), would try to undermine our efforts. I'm sure once you learn about his record you will be disappointed too.

#### THE STAKES ARE HIGH

I have been warned by some in the political establishment to stay out of the District 130 race. Frankly, it's not entirely comfortable for me to oppose one of the Representatives within our Senate district. In fact, it would be much easier for me to go along to get along. But as I have said before; I'm thinking of the next generation, not the next election. As the incumbent he'll have the support of a lot of his House colleagues and other politicians who are protecting the club. But I believe I have an obligation to give you the facts. I promised you that I would not be co-opted by the Austin crowd—that I would always speak for you. I'm living up to my promise, even if it hurts me with the Austin establishment.

I understand how the system operates. There is no excuse for missing votes on issues you care about, and there is no excuse for voting against your constituents' wishes--no matter how much pressure the Austin establishment applies. Corbin has had six years and eleven sessions in Austin and yet has little to show for it. It's time for a new voice and a new start.

Today, our fight for change must continue, and this is why I cannot support Van Arsdale for re-election:

#### THE RECORD

I introduced numerous bills to combat illegal immigration and fought hard on the subject. In the House, Van Arsdale either voted to weaken our immigration enforcement or simply skipped votes that would crack down on illegal immigration in Texas.

I introduced legislation to codify Texas as a pro-life state in the event Roe v. Wade is overturned. (Several states have preceded us.) Our bill died because your representative, Van Arsdale, skipped the vote.

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I used every opportunity I could to lower the property-tax-appraisal cap. I even forced a vote to lower the cap from 10 percent to 5 percent. Rather than backing my efforts, Van Arsdale supported the new business income tax, mistakenly thinking that it would solve our property-tax problems. Van Arsdale was one of the loud Austin voices promising you a \$2,000 tax cut as a result. Have you seen your tax cut?

I voted against the bloated state budget which increased spending by more than 21%. During Senate debate on the budget, I identified \$3 billion in cuts and suggested that we create a citizen's commission (like President Reagan's) to identify waste, fraud and abuse. Your representative actually helped to craft the budget, voted for it, and then voted to exceed the constitutional spending cap to make the budget "legal." We should have cut spending instead of busting the cap. I voted against busting the cap. He voted for higher spending.

My criticism of Mr. Van Arsdale is not personal: This is about the issues. The issues I am raising in this letter are facts that cannot be disputed. You will likely hear excuses, bait-and-switch answers or downright misinformation in an attempt to explain away these bad votes. In the end it boils down to this . . . Corbin Van Arsdale believes the legislature is doing a great job, and I believe we need change in Austin. The next election will be decided by voters like you who answer the question: "Is Van Arsdale fighting on my behalf and standing for the issues I believe in? Or is he doing the typical 'Austin shuffle'--saying one thing in the district and then voting the opposite way in the legislature?"

#### **MISSED VOTES**

Corbin Van Arsdale misses a lot of votes. Frankly, when you look at his attendance record, you will wonder (as I have) what the heck Corbin was doing while the rest of us were representing our constituents. Even though I sat on six committees, I missed very few committee votes. Corbin, on the other hand, missed nearly 50 percent of his committee votes. And he only serves on three committees.

Of 4,105 votes made on the Senate floor, I only missed four. In the House, with half the number of votes (2,054), Corbin missed 144. In fact, he has the worst attendance record of any Harris County Republican and ranks near the bottom for attendance among all his colleagues.

I have attached a separate sheet with a sampling of Corbin's missed votes. There are too many to list them all, but I have listed some of the highlights (or perhaps I should say "lowlights").

#### **SOME OF HIS BAD VOTES**

##### **➤ The business-income tax**

Corbin voted for the business-income tax and promoted it as the answer to high property taxes. He is one of the legislators who promised the phantom \$2,000 tax cut in an attempt to hide the higher taxes on businesses. I tried to talk him out of that vote and show him that the \$2,000 tax cut was a bunch of smoke and mirrors. But he listened to the Austin establishment instead of listening to you. He was quoted recently in the Tomball newspaper as saying, "This is not a new business tax, it is the old business tax reformed, so many of my constituents are misinformed on this issue." Perhaps because Corbin is a lawyer, not a businessman, he did not understand what he voted for. This is not a reform; this is a new tax that, according to the comptroller, will hit



200,000 new businesses. Even businesses that don't make a profit may have to pay the tax. And, as everyone knows, "businesses" don't pay taxes; they just pass them on to the consumer through higher prices.

➤ **College tuition**

Corbin also voted to allow unelected college boards to set their own tuition rates. Since then, tuition has skyrocketed; costing families in his district thousands of extra dollars each year.

➤ **Illegal immigrants**

In 2003, Corbin voted against conservative Republicans, and with the Democrats, to allow illegal immigrants to use the "Matricular Card" distributed by the Mexican government as a form of identification in Texas. This card would pave the way for illegal immigrants to get driver's licenses and even, potentially, to vote in our elections. The same bill was vetoed by Gov. Perry in 2001. Knowing this, Corbin still voted with the Democrats to pass it again in 2003.

Thankfully, the amendment was removed in the Senate.

What is even more disturbing is that, in a recent interview in the Tomball newspaper, Corbin said that, in 2003, he voted against the Matricular Card bill. That was a misleading statement. The fact is, the bill never made it to the House floor in 2003. Instead, the language was attached, as an amendment, to another bill. Corbin voted for the amendment: The official record is in the House Journal. This amendment would have allowed illegal immigrants with a Matricular Card to obtain a Texas driver's license.

You may have heard a similar story from New York recently. There, the governor (a Democrat) announced that New York would not recognize the Matricular Card and thus would not issue driver's licenses to illegal immigrants. The Matricular Card is too liberal for New York, but not for some in Texas--including your current state representative.

**WHY I SUPPORT ALLEN FLETCHER**

Let me share a brief background on Allen Fletcher. Allen, 52, has lived here all of his adult life. He spent 21 years as an officer with the Houston Police Department. He was Rookie of the Year and rose to detective in charge of the Office of Inspector General, investigating government corruption. He is not afraid to take on the establishment. Upon retirement from the police force in 1998, he founded a security company in the Tomball area. He is a leader. He is now chairman of the Tomball Chamber of Commerce and also serves on the board of Sam Houston State University. He is an outstanding candidate for this office. We have very few people with a law-enforcement background in the Legislature. He also understands business, taxes and job creation. We need more businessmen in the Legislature.

Allen Fletcher and his wife, Penny, have been married for more than 30 years. (They met when she literally ran into his patrol car.) Allen and Penny have three adult children and one granddaughter. Their son Blake is carrying on Allen's tradition of serving his fellow citizens: Blake volunteered at 19 to be a military policeman. He is headed to Iraq.



I need Allen Fletcher in Austin, and so do you. He will stand up, just as I have, and make your voice heard in Austin. If we want change, we need to continue to send representatives to Austin who will fight for their constituents and not for the political establishment.

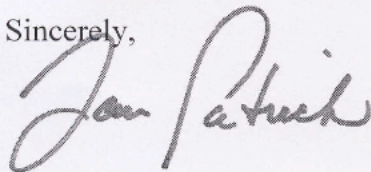
**WITH YOUR HELP, THE REVOLUTION CONTINUES**

This will be another grassroots battle between the voters and the political establishment. Corbin will have plenty of money from outside the district. He will have other legislators supporting him; because that's the way it is done: The club protects the club. Allen needs you to work and support him as you did for me. Go to his Web site, [allenfletcher.org](http://allenfletcher.org), and let him know that you will support him. Make a contribution if you can or volunteer as you did for me. Order a yard sign and, most important, vote and spread the word. And, when you get all of that Corbin mail or see his signs, remember that he was not voting for *you* during the last eleven sessions. He was voting with the Austin establishment--and they are paying big bucks to protect him.

2006 was an exciting year for all of us. It was a great feeling to send a message to Austin that, in Senate District 7, we are serious about change. Let's do it one more time. Let's send a message that the days of saying one thing in the district and doing the opposite in Austin are over. If Allen wins, it will send a strong message that the revolution for change is alive and well among Texas voters.

I humbly ask for your trust and your vote once again. But, this time, not for me. Please vote for Allen Fletcher for representative – House District 130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan Patrick". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".



## SOME OF REP. CORBIN VAN ARSDALE'S MISSED VOTES

- **An overview:**

- Corbin sits on three House Committees (Appropriations, State Affairs, and Calendars). Corbin missed 50% of the votes in Appropriations, 42% of the votes in State Affairs and 14% of the votes in Calendars.
- In addition to his missed committee votes, Corbin has the worst House floor attendance of any Harris County Republican member. Missing 144 floor votes or attendance roll calls in the short five month session.
- Most members have a statement entered into the journal when they miss votes so their constituents would know how they would have voted. Corbin rarely bothers to provide that information.

- **Illegal immigration:**

- House Bill 13 was the comprehensive illegal-immigration bill in the House. Corbin missed numerous committee votes on HB 13, and it eventually died in committee.
- House Bill 159 would have denied in-state tuition to illegal immigrants. Although Corbin co-sponsored the bill, he missed the vote in committee, where it died.
- House Bill 1604 would have denied state benefits to illegal immigrants. Corbin missed the vote in committee, where it died.
- House Bill 2998 would have prohibited cities from being sanctuaries for illegal immigrants. Corbin missed the vote in committee. The bill died when the session ended.
- House Bill 38 would have required citizenship in order for a person to obtain a state professional license. Corbin missed the vote in committee, where it died.
- House Bill 904 would have prohibited illegal-immigrant day-labor centers. Corbin missed the vote in committee. The bill died when the session ended.
- House Bill 905 would have required the state to obtain the immigration status on inmates in Texas prisons. Corbin missed the vote in committee, where it died.
- House Resolution 11 was to seek compensation from the federal government for state funds spent on illegal immigrants. Corbin missed the vote in committee, where it died.
- House Resolution 193 would have sought the federal government's assistance in border-security operations. Corbin missed the vote in committee. The bill died when the session ended.
- House Resolution 194 would have communicated the state's dissatisfaction with the federal government's enforcement of immigration laws. Corbin missed the vote in committee. The bill died when the session ended.

- **Pro-family, pro-life:**

- House Bill 175 would have codified Texas' pro-life laws in the event Roe v. Wade is overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court. Corbin missed the vote in committee, where it died.
- House Bill 1750 would have required abortion doctors to report additional data to the state. Corbin missed the vote in committee, where it died.
- House Bill 180 would have created covenant marriage in Texas. Corbin missed the vote in committee, where it died.
- House Bill 2684 would have authorized marriage-education courses. Corbin missed the vote in committee, where it died.
- House Bill 3778, known as the "Granny Tax," would have taxed nursing home residents. Corbin missed the vote in committee (he should have been there to vote against this new tax).

- **Government ethics:**

- House Bill 1517 would disallow government funds to be used to lobby the legislature. Corbin missed the vote in committee, where it died.
- House Resolution 19 requires more on-the-record votes in the Texas House. Corbin missed the vote in committee.