

Kay Bailey Hutchison

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Dear

Our campaign is off to a great start. We have enthusiastic support from all across the state and we are ready for the next phase of the campaign to begin. Exciting times are ahead.

I am running for Governor because Texas must prepare for the future.

I am running because I believe it is conservative to demand results, and to hold government accountable – with integrity and responsibility.

I am running because I want to create an education system that prepares our workforce for tomorrow. Our best and brightest should be able to stay in Texas, not have to leave for greener pastures.

I am running because I want to make sure Texas, with the thousands of people who move here each month, has the first-class transportation infrastructure in place to handle that growth.

Over the next few months, I will lay out my specific plans to move Texas into the next decades. I'm asking for your help because I believe we can do better, and I want you to be a partner in our campaign.

As I travel the state, people have expressed frustration with the current leadership in Austin. They tell me the Governor is putting his personal political agenda in front of an agenda that will move the state forward. And you know what, I agree with them.

We find ourselves at a crossroads. People from all parts of Texas feel it is time for a change in Austin.

After nearly a decade in office, our Governor is not offering a clear vision of how we can solve the issues facing a changing state. And there is a real sense that our leadership in Austin is getting distracted and consumed attempting to clean up the mismanagement problems caused at the Governor's agencies. Picking a fight with the federal government is not a long-term strategy to move Texas forward.

Look no further than what our state's largest newspapers and magazines are saying...

- The *Associated Press* uncovered "Governor's Office Defends \$50 Million Grant"
- *Texas Monthly* noted a "depth of dissatisfaction toward Perry among the Republicans."
- The *Denton Record-Chronicle* said, "[his friends in] the Legislature are beginning to ignore Perry."
- The *Dallas Morning News* noted Perry's "longevity" as Governor was a key factor in his "eroding" relationship with the legislature.
- The *Houston Chronicle*, reporting on the budget debate, "Perry was not defied so much as he was simply ignored" and "TxDOT's \$1 billion error."

Can we do better? I believe we must. There is just too much at stake.

My Finance Committee is working to take advantage of the momentum we're seeing and is issuing this bold challenge:

If you join before June 30, they'll match every dollar you give with one more, making your gift of \$50 worth \$100, your gift of \$75 worth \$150, or your gift of \$500 worth \$1,000 – twice as much.

I hope you will consider making a generous gift before the June 30 reporting deadline so my Finance Committee can double your donation and give my campaign the funds it needs to win our Party's nomination.

Texans shoulder some of the highest property taxes in the country, there's drug violence at our border, and the gut-wrenching videos of "fight clubs" have made our state schools national news. What's more, Texas has the highest high school dropout rate in the country. We can do better.

Will you join me and help me put our conservative principles and Texas values first? Will you join me and give my campaign the funds it needs to win our Party's nomination and offer strong leadership for Texas?

Since forming our gubernatorial committee, I've been talking to Texans throughout our state. There is concern regarding the national Democratic surge, and many are worried this could happen here in Texas.

While we all know the trends nationally as they relate to Republican losses, the fact is, right here in Texas we are experiencing the same trends. In fact, we have lost Republican members of the Texas House in each of the last three elections – twelve lost seats since 2002.

These clouds on the horizon mustn't be ignored going into a redistricting year. More importantly, we simply can't afford this type of *leadership* negatively defining our Party for four more years.

The time to turn the corner and start with new leadership in Austin is now. Republicans must do what is right for Texas and prove we deserve to lead our state.

If you agree we need to restore respect for our Republican vision of leadership, I want your help leading Texas forward.

And if you agree there must be someone in the Governor's office offering a fresh start for our conservative, Republican principles, I want your help leading my team.

I sincerely hope you know how much I appreciate your help.

I'll be a Governor who looks ahead to meet the challenges that are coming. If we work together, we will be able to improve the quality of education, transportation and access to health care for our state. And we must.

Sincerely,



Kay Bailey Hutchison

P.S. As dissatisfaction with Texas' leadership grows, so too does Texans' faith in our conservative philosophy. We need change in Austin...someone who is a proven conservative, who never backs away from a challenge and never gives up when Texas' interests are at stake. Please send a generous gift today, so my campaign's Finance Committee can double your contribution. *Thank you very much.*

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