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The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor of the State of Texas
State Capitol Building, Room 2S.1
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HAND-DELIVERED

Dear Governor,

I saw your June 3rd interview with KENS 5: San Antonio regarding the already \$600,000 taxpayer dollars spent on your rental mansion. I was surprised to hear you attribute the selection of the \$9,000 a month mansion, plus utilities and upkeep, to the Department of Public Safety and the Texas Legislature. As I have no recollection of participating in that discussion, I respectfully request the following information:

- (1) Specific citation or support for your claim that the choice of your rental mansion was decided or debated by Members of the Legislature, including names of Members or staff.
- (2) Any evidence of legislative and/or DPS approval of your heated outdoor pool, employee salaries for your full-time chef, part-time chef, and full-time maid, your Neiman Marcus window dressings, the cost of "emergency repair" for your filtered ice machine, and your two-year subscription to Food & Wine Magazine, including names of Members or staff in the House, Senate or DPS who authorizes these expenditures.

Additionally, I would like to ask for your support of legislation to limit the amount of taxpayer dollars available to the Texas governor to cover living expenses while in office. Last month, I announced my intention to pre-file a bill that would cap the amount of taxpayer dollars that a governor is permitted to spend on rent, utilities and upkeep to 200% of the average rent for a reasonably-sized apartment in downtown Austin, excluding all security costs. The definition of "reasonably-sized" and "downtown", as well as the exact dollar amount, would be determined by the State Preservation Board. I respectfully ask for your public support of my legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Dunnam", written over a horizontal line.

Jim Dunnam