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John Colyandro
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Dear Mr. Colyandro,

It is with regret that I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign my position on the Boards of the Texas Conservative Coalition and Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute, effective immediately.

During my original conversations regarding serving on the Board I made clear that my number one priority was to reduce taxes. It was my understanding at that time that the mission of TCC/TCCRI was to cut taxes, reduce regulations and promote policies that create opportunities and incentives for businesses to invest in Texas.

Given this, I was extremely disappointed in the testimony given by TCCRI at the House State Affairs Committee hearing on May 1, 2014. I do not believe it is in the best interest of the organization to get deeply involved in social issues and feel that offering testimony was ill-advised. These issues are divisive, polarizing, and in my opinion are squandering our Republican majority. We should be doing everything in our power to solidify and grow our Republican base.

As you know, time away from my district during the interim is difficult for me. Because of this, and the differing view I have regarding the mission of TCC/TCCRI, I feel I am not in a position to best serve on the TCC/TCCRI Boards. I have enjoyed working with you and the other Board members and I offer my best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Patricia Harless

Cc: TCC Board of Directors
TCCRI Board of Directors

