



The State of Texas
The House of Representatives
District 100

State Representative
Terri Hodge
February 3, 2010

Dear Representative

This is a difficult letter for me to write. I am sure that by now you have heard the news that I am suspending my reelection campaign and will be resigning my seat soon. The remainder of my service as a State Representative will be spent closing my office in as orderly a fashion as possible.

First, I want to apologize to you for what has happened. I particularly apologize if my heavily publicized problems have in any way reflected poorly upon you, the work we have done, or the Legislature as an institution. I hope that by taking responsibility for what I have done, I can help bring closure not just for me but for my constituents and anyone else whom this matter may have touched.

I also want to thank you. Serving my community alongside colleagues like you has been the great pleasure and passion of my life. Sometimes we have agreed with one another. Sometimes we have disagreed. Either way, you know that I am never one to withhold an opinion that I believe needs to be voiced. I hope you have found me to be the resourceful and helpful colleague I always strived to be.

For both the high points and the low points – whether we celebrated a legislative victory or watched a bill we favored die a slow, forgettable death – I will remember fondly just about every day I served in the Legislature and with you. Together, I know that we did much to benefit hardworking people like those who live in my district, as well as the state of Texas as a whole.

Even though I will never again serve as your colleague, I hope always to remain your friend. We all know that there are some difficult challenges that we face here in Texas. If ever you believe that my voice could in any way contribute to the betterment of our state, please know that I am always willing to lend it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri".

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