



LINDA KOOP
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TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

November 14, 2017

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas

Dear Governor Abbott,

Recently, there have been many disturbing accusations of sexual harassment and misconduct by public officials in Washington D.C.; candidates running for public office and those in powerful positions in the Texas Capitol. These disturbing reports make me concerned for the safety of our Capitol staffers, interns, reporters, lobbyists and all those who work at the Capitol.

Many of our staff and interns are young people and may be particularly vulnerable to those in positions of power. It is the duty of us as elected officials to protect them; a responsibility I know we both take very seriously. Our legislative personnel are not fully educated as to where to report misconduct or harassment. Additionally, many of our interns are unpaid and not covered by the State's Human Resources guidelines and protections.

Governor Abbott, I am respectfully asking for a protocol to be developed and put in place for all those that work at the Capitol. It is very important that everyone work in a safe and secure environment. Please advise me as to how I can help create the appropriate protocol and structure to protect all those who work in any capacity at the Capitol.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda A. Koop".

State Representative

Linda Koop

CC: Speaker Joe Straus

Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick