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**Representative Leo Berman
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Dear Representative Leo Berman,

You are a liar.

As a fellow Republican legislative colleague, I am profoundly disappointed in the manner in which you disparage legislators and have chosen to grossly distort the facts regarding illegal immigration reform in the Texas Legislature.

Contrary to your false assertions, the truth is our state's Republican leadership including Governor Rick Perry, Lt Governor David Dewhurst, Attorney General Greg Abbott, former Speaker Tom Craddick, current Speaker Joe Straus, former House State Affairs Chairman David Swinford and myself as current House State Affairs Chairman have all worked diligently on illegal immigration and border security reform.

The truth is, you have chosen to grandstand and distort this issue to cover up the fact that you lied to your own district on your term limit pledge.

You lied then, and you continue to lie now.

As you know, the legislature has passed substantial legislation on border security. And as you know, the entire Republican House caucus supported "photo voter ID" legislation. Contrary to your false recollections, this legislation died due to Democrat House members' stalling tactics, not by the unfounded conspiracies you have shamelessly fabricated. But you don't seem to let the truth stand in the way of your manipulation of actual events in the legislature. In reality, you are cowardly projecting your own failures as a legislator on your colleagues.

You also double speak about the constitution. As you know, the legislature has worked closely with Attorney General Abbott's office on issues of constitutionality involving illegal immigration reform. But here again, your interest in the truth is absent.

Your math is also a liar's math. Overall, the House passed a greater percentage of border security and illegal immigration reform bills filed during the recent 81st session than the 80th session.

You lie and lie and lie so often on illegal immigration reform, you risk becoming the Pinocchio of the Texas Legislature.

You lie too about the State Senate's legislation.

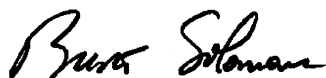
You know that many of the same or similar illegal immigration reform bills filed in the House were also filed in the Senate and that Republicans in both chambers have worked together, and with the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General's offices, on passing constitutionally valid border security and immigration reform. Here again, your conspiracy theories against our Republican state leadership and Republican legislators are all false.

Now that you have filed for House Speaker and admitted to KVUE TV that you are not a "serious candidate," it is clear to all that you are willing to use falsehoods and innuendo to purposely mislead the citizens of our State in some sort of desperate attempt to shamelessly promote yourself.

Enough is enough. Texas Republicans stand united in their support for stronger border security and against illegal immigration. Your lies are not helping pass anything.

Finally, as a candidate for House Speaker, you need to provide transparency for all to see your unnamed supporters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Burt Solomons". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Burt Solomons (R-Carrollton)
Chairman, Texas House State Affairs Committee**