



# TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TREY MARTINEZ FISCHER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 116

**TO:** Members, House Democratic Caucus  
**FROM:** Trey Martinez Fischer  
**SUBJECT:** Our good friend & colleague, Juan Escobar  
**DATE:** January 22, 2008

As you probably know by now, there are very few of our Democratic colleagues in primary races this cycle. I defer to the so-called "experts" to explain why this is so. I'll just say there is an air of change in Austin and around our great state. I, like you, am looking forward to new leadership in 2009 when reason, good ideas and common ground trump extreme partisan ideology.

I would, however, like to direct your attention to the primary challenge of our colleague Juan Escobar in District 43. You see, Juan's race is a bit different from the ordinary challenge one expects in an election cycle. In fact, I have never seen anything like this in the five Democratic primaries I've been involved in.

This year marks the first time I have ever seen a lobbyist go out of his way to challenge a sitting member, especially one who has done a great job representing his district and who is considered a leader in the Democratic Caucus. I will not engage in the slippery slope opining as to what motivated this lobbyist to openly target Juan. Nor will I engage in a dialogue about how this lobbyist and his client sought, shaped, and supported Juan's opponent months before she made the decision to run. I just won't do that.

What I will say is what many of you expressed to me last week upon learning about this lobbyist who led a guided tour of Austin advancing meetings, making introductions and scripting every move for Juan Escobar's opponent. It's the same view others have shared with me in regards to Juan Garcia's general election challenge in District 32.

**Short and sweet- - Any lobbyist who targets Juan Escobar, Juan Garcia or any member of our Democratic Caucus is targeting me and every one of you. Like you, I find it more than coincidental that one lobbying firm has taken such an open and hostile position against the Democratic Caucus.**



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If there is one thing we learned these last couple of sessions, we are strongest when we stick together. So it's in that spirit that I ask you to take a moment to reach out to Juan Escobar and see what you can do for him in his primary re-election campaign. Juan may be reached at 361.228.5169 and contributions may be sent to:

Juan Escobar Campaign  
P.O. Box 1086  
Kingsville, Texas 78364

For those of you that would like to give your support in person, I will be hosting a fundraiser for Juan Escobar on South Padre Island on Friday, February 8, 2008 starting at 6:00 p.m. The event will be at the home of Mr. Greg, Dru and the La Mantia Family. The address is: 220 W. Campeche Street, South Padre Island, Texas 78597.

I wish you the best in 2008 and I look forward to your helping and supporting Juan Escobar's primary campaign. Let's send the message that we are not going to let a couple of lobbyists decide what is best for our Democratic Caucus.