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The Honorable David Dewhurst
Lieutenant Governor of Texas
P.O. Box 12068
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The Honorable Joe Straus
Speaker of the Texas House of
Representatives
P.O. Box 2910
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Dear Lt. Governor Dewhurst and Speaker Straus:

This letter is to inform you that I am tendering my resignation as executive director of the Texas Legislative Council to pursue other professional avenues.

It has been a great honor to serve the members and staff of the Legislature as the executive director of the Texas Legislative Council. My staff at the Council has done a tremendous job this session. They produced 22 percent more bill drafts, 39 percent more side-by-side reports for conference committee reports, and 63 percent more conference reports in the last 24 hours before the filing deadline than last session. They successfully implemented the Office of Bill Analysis, which completed 4650 bill analyses in two-and-a-half months, and introduced a Web-based legislative draft request and an electronic distribution system for all three house bill printings.

The Council supports a network of almost 4,000 computers, and maintains an award-winning Web site – Texas Legislature Online. I am extremely proud of the talented and dedicated group of men and women on my staff. It has been a privilege to work with them.

In order to ensure a seamless transition, I am willing to assist you and the Council in any way that I am needed.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to serve the State of Texas in this capacity.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Milton Rister", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Milton Rister