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The 82nd Legislative Session Begins

Dear Friend:

Today the Texas House of Representatives convened and the 82nd legislature is now underway. I am honored to be elected to serve our community for a second term. My priorities remain making sure the Texas economy is strong and protecting the interests of the great constituents of House District 112.

Prior to the start of this session I filed several pieces of legislation:

H.B. 507 - This bill allows cities to post bid information online. This is a more effective and efficient way for cities to operate. It will save time and your tax dollars.
H.B. 508 - This bill requires legislators to wait two years after they leave office before lobbying. This bill helps ensure that the interests of the constituents are being served up to the last minute their representative is in office.
H.B. 525 - This bill makes it easier for many businesses in our district to utilize existing economic development tools.
H.B. 582 - This bill requires all recipients of any public incentive to use "E-verify" (the electronic verification of work authorization program)

To follow the movement of these bills and others I will be working on this session, please visit http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Home.aspx.
Immediately after taking the Oath of Office, Representative Paxton withdrew his name from consideration and the House elected Joe Straus by an overwhelming majority to serve as Speaker of the 82nd legislature. I know that some people had differing opinions about who should serve as Speaker but I am excited to move forward and focus our attention on the issues that are important to our community such as the difficult redistricting process and budgeting process we have before us. I look forward to working with him and all of my colleagues to pass a balanced budget without raising taxes, to pass strong illegal immigration legislation, and to pass legislation requiring photo identification to vote.

It is a pleasure to serve as your state representative. Please continue to communicate your views on issues that are important to you. My staff for the 82nd legislative session are eager to help you with any issue that should arise. Along with several people many of you are already familiar with, I have added a few new faces to the team.

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