

# TEA Party Caucus of the Texas State Legislature

August 27, 2011

JoAnn Fleming, Chair of the TEA Party Caucus Advisory Committee

## **RE: Letter to Tea Party Advisory Committee**

TPCAC Members:

The Texas Legislative Tea Party Caucus remains in firm commitment to its Statement of Principles approved by its founding board at the beginning of the 82nd Legislative Session. After our caucus was formed in January of 2011, our membership played an integral role in passing:

- A balanced budget, without increased taxation, and maintaining a tax cut to small businesses passed in 2009;
- Measures to help secure the Texas border including new funding of over \$100 million in aid to border law enforcement and rules to ensure that only citizens and legal immigrants obtain a Texas driver's license;
- The Health Care Compact and other resolutions demanding reassertion of the 10th Amendment and repeal of all federal laws in contradiction thereof;
- Bills to enhance election integrity including Voter Identification legislation; and
- A statute to advance Texans' 2nd Amendment rights by securing an employee the right to maintain firearms in their personal vehicle.

Even with these successes this session, much remains to be done in the advancement of our Statement of Principles. In particular, we remain disappointed over the failure of the *Sanctuary Cities Bill*, which although receiving continued support of Governor Perry, and a majority of both Republican Senators and Representatives, did not pass.

We reaffirm our commitment to the Texas Legislative Tea Party Advisory Committee to support and pass Sanctuary City legislation.

Signed,

Tea Party Caucus Chairman, Senator Dan Patrick

Tea Party Caucus Vice Chairman, Rep. Phil King

**Board Members:** Representatives Allen Fletcher, Wayne Christian, Brandon Creighton, Dan Flynn, George Lavender, Todd Hunter, Jodie Laubenberg, Lois Kolkhorst, Sid Miller, Geanie Morrison, Ken Paxton and Harvey Hilderbran

**Other Affirmations of Texas House Support:**

State Representative Stefani Carter HD 102

State Representative Bill Zedler HD 96

State Representative Todd Smith HD 92

State Representative Rodney Anderson HD 106

State Representative Bryan Hughes HD 5

State Representative Leo Berman HD 6

State Representative David Simpson HD 7

State Representative Erwin Cain HD 3 (confirmation in progress)

State Representative James White HD 19 (confirmation in progress)