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STATE SENATOR • DISTRICT 10

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Texas Congressional Republicans
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United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE TEXAS REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL HOUSE DELEGATION

Dear Representative,

Like the rest of the nation, last Friday I was surprised to learn of Speaker of the House John Boehner's imminent resignation from Congress. As you are aware, Boehner revealed he had originally intended to serve as Speaker for only two terms, but after the stunning grassroots defeat of Majority Leader Eric Cantor, he decided to remain in the position through the end of this year. However, in order to prevent greater damage from further "prolonged leadership turmoil," Boehner changed his plans yet again and will be resigning at the end of October.

Millions of voters in Texas and across the nation have been in a state of 'prolonged turmoil' since the election of President Obama in 2008. As evidence of the strong displeasure with the direction the President has taken the country, voters have elected a strong Republican majority in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate during the midterm elections of both of his terms. Unfortunately, to their chagrin, little has changed after these sweeping electoral victories.

The grassroots—of which I include myself—are extremely frustrated at the lack of action on any number of conservative public policy priorities in D.C. The voters did not elect conservative Republicans in 2010 and 2014 to stand by idly as their leaders engaged in the politics of surrender. Speaker Boehner's resignation is a direct result of the very same grassroots wave that swept him into power. You and your fellow Congressional Republicans now have an incredible opportunity to select a presiding officer who is committed to doing the work for which the American people are hungry. You must give voters confidence that conservatives are prepared to lead and to illustrate what the Republican party truly stands for in the short time before the next presidential election. Now is the time to select a Speaker of the House who is willing to challenge the failed and dangerous policies of the President and who is unafraid to embrace foundational conservative principles.

I believe it is only fitting the Texas Republican Delegation should lead during this crucial time. I fight everyday as a member of the Texas Senate to honor the trust of the voters who placed me there. I implore you to use this opportunity to honor that same trust and elevate a bold person of action to the speakership who will lead us to victory in 2016 and beyond.

In Liberty,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Konni Burton".

Senator Konni Burton
Texas State Senate District 10



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The Honorable Ted Poe, Texas 2nd District
The Honorable Sam Johnson, Texas 3rd District
The Honorable John Ratcliffe, Texas 4th District
The Honorable Jeb Hensarling, Texas 5th District
The Honorable Joe Barton, Texas 6th District
The Honorable John Culberson, Texas 7th District
The Honorable Kevin Brady, Texas 8th District
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