

## SENATOR KONNI BURTON

DISTRICT 10

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George P. Bush Texas Land Commissioner 1700 N. Congress Ave. Austin, TX 78701

Commissioner Bush,

I was excited to see your recent announcement of budget reforms at the Texas General Land Office. Baseline budgeting is responsible for the worst of the excess and bloated government we see in Washington, and your recent order to end this practice at the GLO is a bold step in the right direction for Texas.

Your move to zero-based budgeting, in addition to ordering a ten percent budget reduction at your agency over the next biennium, represents the kind of leadership Texas needs during these uncertain economic times. I look forward to promoting these same reforms during the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. I believe our Republican majority should move quickly to adopt zero-based budgeting as the new standard for our state government.

I appreciate your leadership in the General Land Office. There's no doubt Fort Worth area Republicans are setting the pace for conservative reforms down in Austin.

Your friend.

Konni Burton

Texas Senator, District 10