



3 August 2017

To: Representative Tan Parker  
Chairman, Texas House Republican Caucus

Re: Process Needed by Which Republican Caucus Chooses Nominee for Speaker;  
Call for a Caucus Meeting to Discuss and/or Adopt Procedure for Nominee Selection

Chairman Parker,

A Republican Speaker of the House should first win the confidence of a majority of his or her fellow Republicans. To do so, Republicans should determine their candidate for Speaker in a called meeting of the House Republican Caucus before the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature convenes in 2019. Such a meeting is called for in the Republican Party Platform.

**Before we select a person, we need to select a procedure.**

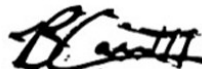
In order for Republicans to choose their nominee for Speaker, we need a procedure in place to guide that process. However, no procedure for selecting our Speaker nominee with proper order has been adopted by the Republican Caucus. Such a procedure is critical to successfully choosing a nominee, and must be put in place well in advance of a meeting where nominees are considered.

**Therefore, we respectfully call upon you to schedule a meeting of the House Republican Caucus for the sole purpose of discussing and/or adopting a procedure to determine our nominee for Speaker of the House.**

Since members are in Austin for the Special Session, we believe holding a meeting before the end of the session on August 16<sup>th</sup> would ensure maximum participation.

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6.03 to the House Republican Caucus bylaws, we the undersigned respectfully request that you call a meeting of the House Republican Caucus for the purpose of discussion and/or adopting a procedure to determine our nominee for Speaker.

  
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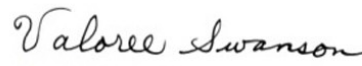
  
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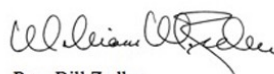
  
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