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July 12, 2012

Lauren Thurston Office of the Lt. Governor of Texas Capitol Station PO Box 12068 Austin, TX 78711

Dear Ms. Thurston and to whom it may concern,

This is a request for public information according to Chapter 552, Government Code.

In an Associated Press article, dated July 11, 2012, and available at http://www.chron.com/news/article/Cruz-misses-deadline-Dewhurst-scrubs-website-3699312.php, you were quoted in reference to the deletion of a speech delivered by Lt. Governor Dewhurst which had been available on the Lt. Governor's website. The relevant portions of the article were as follows:

"More than a year ago, we asked the secretary of the senate to archive all of the speeches on our website," Lauren Thurston, the official spokeswoman for the lieutenant governor, said. "When we saw recently that all of our speeches were not archived, we called the secretary of the senate and made sure that our original request was completed."

Thurston said she did not know why Dewhurst had asked for his speeches to be removed from the website, but that they are still available through public information requests."

Please send the following items to me.

- All recorded communications between the Lt. Governor's office and Secretary of the Senate in the last two years
 regarding the "archiving" of documents or pages that were previously available on the Lt. Governor's website.
 Specifically, please include any records of the archive request from "more than a year ago" and the more recent
 request that resulted in the deletion of the Lt. Governor's "Mr. South Texas Speech," as referenced in the Associated
 Press article.
- 2. The date and time of the deletion or "archiving" of the "Mr. South Texas Speech."
- 3. The name(s) and official title(s) of the person(s) who made the initial and any subsequent request(s) to delete or "archive" the "Mr. South Texas Speech."
- 4. The rationale behind the deletion or "archiving" of the "Mr. South Texas Speech."
- 5. Confirmation of whether or not the Lt. Governor was personally involved in the deletion or "archiving" request of the "Mr. South Texas Speech" or any other speeches.
- 6. All pages on the Lt. Governor's website which have been "archived" in the past two years, including, specifically, the speeches referenced in the aforementioned Associated Press article.

Please provide these documents to me within 10 business days, as the law requires. I am willing to pay up to \$50 in lawful postage and copying costs. If you believe the costs of complying with this request will exceed that amount, please contact me with an

estimate and obtain my approval before proceeding further at 512-843-1980 or chairman@yct.org.

My address is:

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Jeffrey P. Morris

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeff Morris State Chairman

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