March 8, 2013

The Honorable Joe Straus
Speaker, Texas House of Representatives
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Dear Speaker Straus:

When the Supreme Court issues its ruling in *Shelby County v. Holder*, the Texas redistricting case will return to the San Antonio court for further legal proceedings. The best way to avoid further intervention from federal judges in the Texas redistricting plans, and ensure an orderly election without further delay or uncertainty, is to enact the interim maps during the regular session. These maps already have the approval from the federal judges overseeing this litigation. Enacting the interim plans into law would confirm the legislature’s intent for a redistricting plan that fully comports with the law, and will insulate the State’s redistricting plans from further legal challenge.

Sincerely,

Greg Abbott
Attorney General of Texas

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