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**REP. TAN PARKER WITHDRAWS PLEDGE TO SPEAKER STRAUS,
PUBLICALLY ENDORSES KEN PAXTON FOR HOUSE SPEAKER**

After much thought, prayer and reflection on the priorities of my Denton County district and this historic Republican majority, I have decided today to formally withdraw my pledge to Speaker Joe Straus and offer my full support to Representative Ken Paxton. Speaker Straus and I have enjoyed a very good relationship and he has been kind and gracious to me. This decision is not about Joe Straus; instead, this is about representing my district and being responsive to Texas voters who have provided this historic, once in a generation opportunity.

In the weeks leading up to the November election and in the days since, I have received constant, daily feedback from the individuals I represent asking me to help move the Texas House in a more conservative direction. On November 2nd, we all heard the collective voices of Texans as they endorsed a strong conservative platform for our future.

That is why I have decided to support my friend, colleague and fellow conservative champion, Ken Paxton. Ken has a strong intellect and deeply rooted conservative convictions. He is fair, reasonable, and has the ability to work well with individuals from all walks of life to serve the needs of all Texans. As such, I am confident that Ken Paxton will provide the leadership necessary to move us forward during these extraordinary times.

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