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The Honorable David Dewhurst
Lieutenant Governor
State of Texas
State Capitol, Room 2E.13
Austin, Texas 78701

The Honorable Tom Craddick
Speaker of the House
Texas House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 2W.13
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Governor Dewhurst and Speaker Craddick:

This is to notify you that I am calling the Texas Legislature back into special session beginning June 30 for the primary purpose of addressing congressional redistricting. I believe duly elected officials, not federal judges, should be responsible for drawing district lines.

Once legislators have begun their work on this important issue, I will consider expanding the call to other unfinished business from the 78th Regular Session, such as funding for the Regional Academic Health Center and Texas Tech Medical School, and other important matters.

The recently completed regular session clearly demonstrates that legislators – regardless of political party affiliation and philosophy – can work together to address issues important to Texans. And I am confident that Democrats and Republicans can likewise work together to develop a map that is fair, compact and protects communities of interest.

Sincerely,

Rick Perry

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