



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
JOE STRAUS
SPEAKER

November 19, 2009

Dear Members:

Today, I am releasing the interim committee charges for the Texas House of Representatives (81st Legislature). As you know, these charges and the recommendations you develop will form the basis for major legislation we will consider next session.

During these difficult economic times, all of us feel a special obligation for the Legislature to find ways to encourage government accountability, maintain essential services, promote economic development, and attract more jobs to Texas. We have tried to incorporate these important priorities into as many of the charges as possible.

In the coming weeks, I intend to propose several additional items of statewide importance for the House to study. I hope that both the charges that I am issuing today and those to come give each of you the opportunity to represent the interests of your districts and work collaboratively to improve the lives of all Texans. Each committee's report should be submitted no later than December 1, 2010.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Clyde Alexander in my office at (512) 463-0056.

Thank you for your time and commitment to this important task.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Straus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Joe Straus
Speaker