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It is increasingly clear the federal government has abandoned its duty to protect citizen lives, property and jobs from border incursions.

* *Agree means I will use the powers of my elected office, to author, vote to support or promote these legislative initiatives*

** **DEADLINE: January 25, 2014**

A) Since the federal government has failed in its duties to stop foreign incursions into our state and acts of violence and terrorism across the globe run rampant, now is the time to protect Texans as a high priority item. I will commit to utilizing the Texas State Guard or DPS along vulnerable points of the Texas border and support sheriffs in their endeavors to keep residents in their jurisdictions protected by any funding or equipment for such purposes as permitted by law.

agree

disagree

B) Upon taking the oath of office an elected official is compelled to uphold the law and the Constitution. It should therefore be a requirement that all officeholders uphold state and federal laws without prejudice. By not enforcing laws which prohibit undocumented individuals from entering the country illegally, our elected officials place their constituency in dire peril. Further, when jurisdictions do not allow law enforcement to determine identity and immigration status upon a probable cause encounter in the normal course of their duties, our neighborhoods become safety zones for illegal activity and foreign drug cartels. I support the withdrawal of all state funds, grants, etc where applicable to such municipalities that practice sanctuary and/or safety zones for individuals in the country illegally. The issue is so damaging to the legal citizen and resident as well as to national security, that I will support state legislative efforts or local ballot initiatives to repeal all sanctuary/safety zones in the State of Texas.

agree

disagree

C) Illegal immigration can be slowed down by stopping magnets or inducements paid for by hard-working taxpayers. Increasingly, children are the victims of identity theft as their social security numbers are stolen and not discovered until they are of working age. We should favor businesses for compliance in hiring lawful employees by placing them on a special list for state or local contracts; additionally, incentivizing them through tax breaks to hire American or lawful employees. Companies that persist in hiring employees using stolen or counterfeit identification should be at risk of losing licenses of all kinds for failing to use the E-Verify system or other similar resource for verification of identity.

agree

disagree

D) A recent Pulse Opinion survey (2013) reveals that 80% of Texans believe that we have enough low-skilled workers to fill our employer needs. It has become evident that in the quest to increase academic standards and prepare students for college, our schools eliminated the teaching of the trades. Over time, this failure to educate students in the trades has resulted in not having an adequate supply of skilled craftsmen to fulfill demand when there is an economic expansion. The shortage in competent trades craft employees can be addressed with cooperation of heavy industry companies, service industries and our schools to train and mentor American youth. Through this educational reform, markets would re-open to American job seekers with the desire to work in the trades and provide a free flow of trained American labor to the industries who cry out for skilled labor. I will support the passage of legislation to implement the

re-introduction of the teaching of the trades in our public schools.

agree

disagree

E) Any business and all subcontractors, consultants and temporary workers used in the course of doing business with a state or local governmental entity through the bid or single source process, must use E-Verify or similar resource to halt identity theft and illegal hiring practices. I will support legislation mandating the use of E-Verify or similar resource.

agree

disagree

F) Executive Orders, which are of a temporary nature by law, should not be used to compel actions by a federal branch of government that conflict with duly passed laws of Congress. Texas must determine when such actions are arbitrary, political and capable of causing harm and injury to Texans. In such cases we must reject such directives by using the courts and Texas' 10th Amendment powers. I will support legislation to limit the use of executive orders by the President to fully align with the U.S. Constitution.

agree

disagree

Office Sought: Texas State Representative, District 15

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Signature: Bruce Tough

Date: January 24, 2014 (original submission date January 13, 2014)

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