

February 6, 2017

The Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor of Texas

Dear Governor Patrick:

Thank you for your leadership in setting forth a robust, aggressive conservative reform agenda for the 85th Texas Legislative Session. You delivered your priorities for the Texas Senate with clarity and with an unmistakable commitment to advancing the cause of Liberty. We deeply appreciate your stepping forward *before the session started* with an agenda that closely aligns with the conservative Texas Republican Party Platform.

It is to the conservative 2016 Texas GOP Platform we point as we bring to your attention an extremely important item missing from your legislative priorities – **Securing our Texas Grid.**

Page 17 of the **State GOP Platform** reads, “We urge that the Texas Legislature pass legislation to harden the Texas Electric Grid against:

1. Cyber-attacks on the grid’s computerized command and control system.
2. Physical attacks on substations and major high voltage transformers.
3. Geomagnetic storms created by solar flares from the sun.
4. Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP).”

To further support our case, page 6 of the **2016 National Republican Party Platform** agrees, “The grid is aging, vulnerable to cyber and terrorist threats, and unprepared to serve our energy needs of tomorrow.”

Finally, we direct your attention to November 21, 2016, when President-Elect Donald Trump stated that he would ask “the Department of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to develop a comprehensive plan to [protect America’s vital infrastructure](#) from cyber-attacks and all other forms of attacks.”

Governor Patrick, **Texas should lead on this issue!** Doing so could only assist our President as he works overtime to bring security to our nation.

We respectfully ask that you add Securing the Texas Grid to your list of priorities to send a signal to special interests that you value the lives and economic livelihood of Texans over their objections.

The undersigned strongly support passage of Sen. Bob Hall’s SB 83, which will strengthen/harden the resiliency of Texas’ electrical grid against natural-occurring and manmade attacks. Since you are no stranger to the dangers of a wide-open border and the previous Administration’s relaxed standards of vetting refugees, you know the risk of a devastating attack on the Texas grid. Please stand with us by adding grid security to your list of priorities!

For Liberty – for Texas,

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