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**SEN. KONNI BURTON WRITES OPEN LETTER TO  
TEXAS REPUBLICAN HOUSE DELEGATION**

*Tremendous opportunity to lead and embrace bold, conservative leadership*

FORT WORTH - Earlier today, Sen. Konni Burton (SD-10, Tarrant County) sent an open letter to the Texas Republican House Delegation encouraging them to lead the nation and support new leaders who will act boldly and embrace foundational conservative principles. Sen. Konni Burton issued the following statement on her letter:

"With the U.S. House leadership elections set for October 8th, the time for conservative leaders to speak up is now. It is my hope that as Texas leads the nation in many critical ways, our Republican congressional delegation will lead within their chamber by articulating the reasons for fearless conservative leadership heading into the presidential election of 2016."

*Letter sent to all members of the Texas Republican House Delegation by Sen. Konni Burton on the morning of October 1st, 2015 below:*

Dear Representative,

Like the rest of the nation, last Friday I was surprised to learn of Speaker of the House John Boehner's imminent resignation from Congress. As you are aware, Boehner revealed he had originally intended to serve as Speaker for only two terms, but after the stunning grassroots defeat of Majority Leader Eric Cantor, he decided to remain in the position through the end of this year. However, in order to prevent greater damage from further "prolonged leadership turmoil," Boehner changed his plans yet again and will be resigning at the end of October.

Millions of voters in Texas and across the nation have been in a state of 'prolonged turmoil' since the election of President Obama in 2008. As evidence of the strong displeasure with the direction the President has taken the country, voters have elected a strong Republican majority in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate during the midterm elections of both of his terms. Unfortunately, to their chagrin, little has changed after these sweeping electoral victories.

The grassroots—of which I include myself—are extremely frustrated at the lack of action on any number of conservative public policy priorities in D.C. The voters did not elect conservative Republicans in 2010 and 2014 to stand by idly as their leaders engaged in the politics of surrender. Speaker Boehner's resignation is a direct result of the very same grassroots wave that swept him into power. You and your fellow Congressional Republicans now have an incredible opportunity to select a presiding officer who is committed to doing the work for which the American people are hungry. You must give voters confidence that conservatives are prepared to lead and to illustrate what the Republican party truly stands for in the short time before the next presidential election. Now is the time to select a Speaker of the House who is willing to challenge the failed and dangerous policies of the President and who is unafraid to embrace foundational conservative principles.

I believe it is only fitting the Texas Republican Delegation should lead during this crucial time. I fight everyday as a member of the Texas Senate to honor the trust of the voters who placed me there. I implore you to use this opportunity to honor that same trust and elevate a bold person of action to the speakership who will lead us to victory in 2016 and beyond.

In Liberty,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Konni Burton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senator Konni Burton  
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