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The Honorable William J. Walker
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Dear Mr. Walker & Ms. Gibson:

As the United States Representative for the 36th District of Texas, I respectfully request your assistance and cooperation in helping to ensure that our legislators fulfill the oath they have taken to the Constitution and citizens of our state.

As you know, a significant number of Democratic state legislators from Texas devised and executed a coordinated deliberate scheme, using chartered transportation, to flee the boundaries of the state of Texas. This was done for the sole purpose of denying a quorum and blocking further consideration of legislation during the special legislative session currently underway at the state capitol in Austin. According to reports, they now plan to remain in Washington as long as necessary to deny a quorum and thwart the efforts of Governor Abbott and legislative leaders to enact new voter integrity legislation and other matters under consideration. Just this morning, they engaged in the first of perhaps many planned events to publicize their efforts on the East Plaza, which is obviously on the grounds, and under the legal jurisdiction of the United States Congress.

Accordingly, I ask that you fully cooperate with the Texas State Police, the Texas Rangers and the Sergeant at Arms of the Texas House and Senate in any request for extradition and remanding of Texas legislators who have abdicated their responsibility by relocating to the United States Capitol while the legislature is legally in session. Texas and the U.S. Congress have established primary authority and precedent that authorizes a legislative body to take action to compel attendance at legislative sessions. These requests should be seen as both a courtesy and responsibility from this legislative body in which we serve to our counterparts in Austin. The Capitol Police and other law enforcement agencies in the Washington area work every day to assist with extraditing fugitives and criminals from other jurisdictions, and this situation deserves no less. Any legislator who wishes to remain in Washington in defiance of a documented extradition request can do so by tendering their resignation and allowing their seat to be filled in a special election.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and to expeditiously considering any formal requests from Texas state government officials. Please contact my office if I may be of any assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely,



Brian Babin, D.D.S.
United States Representative (TX-36)