



Texans: Help Your State's House of Representatives Pick a Pro-Enforcement Speaker

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As a result of the recent elections in Texas, the Republican Party will remain in control of the Texas House (it will actually have even greater control of the House). This represents an excellent opportunity for the Republicans in the House to select a House Speaker that will further meaningful immigration legislation. The current speaker, Rep. Joe Straus, has been very unwilling to further Arizona-type enforcement legislation and is very pro-business (i.e., he is willing to allow employers to hire illegal workers and believes Texas businesses need a steady stream of foreign workers because there simply aren't enough unemployed Texans to fill available jobs).

With even more Republicans making up the new Texas House, it might be possible for the state to pass meaningful immigration reform -- legislation that mandates the use of E-Verify and allows the state's law enforcement officers to actively enforce immigration laws. However, this is unlikely if Rep.

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Joe Straus continues in his role as Speaker.

Please call your Republican Texas State Representative and urge him to oppose Rep. Straus' bid to retain the House Speakership and support a Representative who opposes amnesty and supports mandatory E-Verify and local immigration enforcement.. Be sure to let him/her know that you care about illegal immigration and believe Texas needs to tackle the problem.

Also, if you would like to contact your Representative using a different method (in addition to a phone call), you may use the "Who Represents Me?" tool [on this page](#) to find this information.

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