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In Support Of Margin Tax Reform

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WHEREAS, the 80th Session of the Legislature of the State of Texas enacted certain provisions relating to the "franchise margin tax" (Chapter 171 of the State Tax Code) in an effort to more equitably distribute the tax burden on businesses; and

WHEREAS, in practice, the law as written has proven to have inequities that have unduly burdened small businesses in particular while failing to equitably distribute the tax burden as a whole on business; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the State of Texas must have sufficient funds to enable it to provide reasonable requisite services to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is clearly recognized that the economic health of the businesses within the State of Texas is a basic necessity for the well being and function of state government and the welfare of its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the North Houston Association that our elected officials in the 81st Session of the Legislature of the State of Texas are strongly urged to amend Chapter 171 of the Texas Tax Code so that it more reasonably imposes franchise taxes on business within the State which are not unduly burdensome or, in the alternative, to abolish the "franchise margin tax" and provide for alternate sources of revenue for the State of Texas.

ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2008.

Roy Hearnberger
Chairman of the Board

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