

October 30, 2012

To:

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From:

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Dear Mr. Speaker,

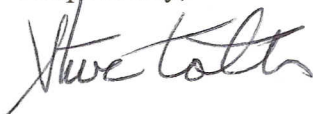
As an incoming member of the House, I along with my classmates have been busy preparing for the 83rd Session. We have focused on issues related to parliamentary procedures and day to day functions of House Members. I think we have a great class of business-minded professionals that will serve the people of Texas well.

During the past few weeks, I have also followed in the media the correspondence between you and Representative Trey Martinez Fischer and now Representative Bill Zedler. Like Mr. Zedler, I find some of Mr. Martinez Fischer's claims troubling. While I have heard these claims made in the past, at no time have I seen them substantiated as I have by the email copies sent by Mr. Martinez Fischer. Again, accusations come and go, but to see such claims substantiated by your staff's email that Conservative House members like Jim Landtroop were targeted for redistricting is very disturbing. Particularly since it now looks like we will be revisiting redistricting again in the next session.

Though I was not a member of the House last session, I feel strongly that I and the other incoming members need clarity on what happened so that we can be sure it won't happen again.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Respectfully,



Steve Toth
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cc: Members of the Texas House of Representatives
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