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Dear Members of the CPRIT Oversight Committee:

The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT), as part of its mission to bring lifesaving cancer cures to Texans, has awarded 502 grants, attracted 44 world-class scientists to Texas, funded 11 cancer-fighting companies, educated more than 75,000 Texans regarding cancer prevention and early detection, and screened more than 45,000 Texans for breast, colon and cervical cancer.

Saving Texans' lives in the fight against cancer is one of the most meaningful and impactful projects we have undertaken. To continue this important work with the credibility it deserves, it is vital that CPRIT fully address the concerns that have been raised about its processes and operations prior to future grants being awarded. This would include cooperating fully with current reviews, implementing recommended changes, enacting CPRIT governance reforms, and filling key management and peer review positions to ensure that all future CPRIT grant requests are properly reviewed and acted upon.

We expect these milestones to be given high priority and met in a timely manner. These actions should not impair current contracts. Please notify each of our offices if implementation concerns arise.

The mission of defeating cancer is too important to be derailed by inadequate processes and a lack of oversight. It is important that we restore the confidence of the Texas taxpayers who approved this important initiative before new funds are dispersed.

Thank you for your work on this effort and please keep our offices informed on your progress toward fulfilling these milestones.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry".

Rick Perry
Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Dewhurst".

David Dewhurst
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Straus".

Joe Straus
Speaker of the House