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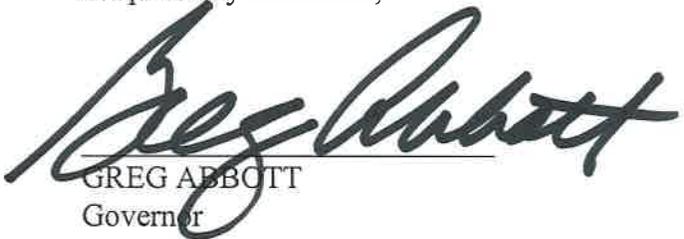
**TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
EIGHTY-FOURTH TEXAS LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:**

The federal government's failure to secure the border has provided opportunities for violent criminals, drug cartels, and persons from countries with ties to terrorism to enter Texas. I support fully funding ongoing border security efforts and enhancing current border surge operations by sustaining Texas Military forces and providing additional Department of Public Safety troopers, improving equipment for law enforcement operations, enhancing communication tools, and amplifying border prosecutions.

THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, pursuant to Article III, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution and by this special message, do hereby submit the following emergency matter for immediate consideration to the Senate and House of Representatives of the 84th Legislature, now convened:

Legislation relating to border security, including funding for operations.

Respectfully submitted,


GREG ABBOTT
Governor

Austin, Texas
February 19, 2015