



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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Mr. David Gutiérrez  
Presiding Officer  
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209 West 14th Street, Suite 500  
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Mr. Bryan Collier  
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Dear Chairman Gutiérrez and Director Collier:

In recent months, two prisoners who were released on parole went on to commit brutal murders while wearing ankle monitors as a condition of their parole. Nestor Hernandez took the lives of two victims at Dallas Methodist Hospital, and Zeric Jackson shot and killed a victim at a home in Lake Highlands. In neither case were ankle monitors an effective deterrent to the heinous crimes they committed. Although nothing can be done to bring back these victims, Texas must protect Texas residents from similar acts.

Your respective agencies are responsible for deciding which inmates to release on parole (BPP) and then supervising those who have been released from prison (TDCJ). No later than **January 4th, 2023**, your agencies must investigate any lapses that occurred in the Hernandez and Jackson cases, prepare any legislative or administrative recommendations based on the lessons learned, and present a joint report to the Office of the Governor.

Thank you for your prompt investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott  
Governor

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