



# *Moving Texas Forward*

## Texas Democratic Party

Boyd L. Richie, Chair

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Guy Cecil  
Political Director  
Hillary Clinton for President

**BY E-MAIL ONLY**

Steve Hildebrand  
Barack Obama 2008 Presidential Campaign

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Dear Mr. Cecil and Mr. Hildebrand:

It has been brought to my attention that one or both of your campaigns may already be planning or intending to pursue litigation against the Texas Democratic Party ("TDP") regarding the rules and procedures governing the Primary Election and the Precinct Conventions scheduled for March 4, 2008.

As you know, the TDP has worked tirelessly to ensure this election goes as smoothly as can be expected under the rules of The Texas Democratic Party and the Texas Election Code. Furthermore, the TDP has worked with both your campaigns to explain the process and has accepted and responded to many of your requests in order to facilitate a smooth administration of the Election and Precinct Conventions. If it is true that litigation is imminent between one or both of your campaigns and the TDP, such action could prove to be a tragedy for a reinvigorated democratic process that is involving a record number of participants here in Texas and across the nation. As you know, the rules and procedures that govern the 2008 Texas primary and convention process were actually developed by and utilized in previous Presidential election cycles by many of your key Texas supporters and have been available to your campaigns well before voting, or even campaigning, had started.

If litigation is intended or injunctive relief is sought, we ask to be briefed on the complaint before any action or request for relief is filed. Since litigation is likely to interrupt or delay the convention process, we ask that it be pursued as quickly as possible after consultation with TDP.

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Litigation regarding the TDP rules could cripple the momentum of a resurging Texas Democratic Party and ultimately, the November 2008 Election. We are committed to avoiding lawsuits but can only do so if communication is open between the TDP and your organizations.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad W. Dunn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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