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Stephen P. Munisteri, Chairman

Dear Members,

At our State Republican Executive Committee meeting on March 2nd, 2013, members from across our great state unanimously approved a measure directing me to express the Republican Party of Texas unwavering opposition to the expansion of Medicaid in Texas. Furthermore, the platform of the RPT, the document which contains the fundamental beliefs of Republicans across the state, contains three separate planks stating opposition to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the intrusion it creates between a doctor and patient, as well as its implementation in Texas.

The RPT platform, as amended and adopted at the 2012 State Convention, contains the following planks in relation to the expansion of Medicaid in Texas:

Health Care — Health care decisions should be between a patient and health care professional and should be protected from government intrusion.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”) — We demand the immediate repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which we believe to be unconstitutional.

Health Care Choice — We urge the passage of health care reform, which results in more affordable healthcare through a market-based, competitive, and transparent health care system, including tort reform, interstate competition, genuine accountability and oversight.

While we as a state party understand you have no authority to repeal the PPACA, you do in fact have the ability to directly affect the impact it has on our state. It is the position of the Republican Party of Texas that you should stand firm in your convictions and oppose the expansion of Medicaid in Texas. It is fiscally irresponsible and in direct opposition of the voters who elected you to do otherwise. Thank you for your consideration on this vitally important matter to the future of Texas fiscal stability.

Sincerely,

Steve Munisteri
Chairman, Republican Party of Texas