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Dear Chairman Dickey:

We write in reference to deeply disturbing media reports about racially charged comments made by Ray Myers, a Texas Republican Party Platform Committee member.

As you may know, Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is a leading anti-hate organization with the timeless mission to protect the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment for all. Today, we continue to fight all forms of hate with the same vigor and passion. A global leader in exposing extremism, delivering anti-bias education, and fighting hate online, ADL's ultimate goal is a world in which no group or individual suffers as a result of bias, discrimination, or hate.

According to multiple news reports, Mr. Meyers recently posted on Facebook declaring, "I'm a WHITE NATIONALIST and very Proud of it." [White nationalism](#) is a term that originated among white supremacists as a euphemism for white supremacy and seeks to promote the interests of whites exclusively, typically at the expense of people of other backgrounds.

Furthermore, in attempting to clarify this post, Mr. Myers reportedly stated:

I am Anglo and I'm very proud of it, just like black people and brown people are proud of their race. I am a patriot. I am very proud of my country And white nationalist, all that means is America first. That's exactly what that means. ... I mean, just like Black Lives Matter, white lives matter, too ... We're all in the same melting pot. Now why can't we say, as Anglos, that we're proud?

The deeply offensive implications of these statements appear to be that America is a white nation and patriotism is synonymous with white nationalism.

The post and comments are reason enough for removal of Mr. Myers from any leadership position with the Texas GOP. However, he has a record of engaging in similar conduct. Thus, this recent behavior cannot be explained away as a mere anomaly in character.

Indeed, during a 2010 effort to unseat Representative Straus as Speaker of the House of Representatives, the news media reported that Mr. Myers, in his capacity as



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Chairman of the Kaufman County Tea Party, sent out widely circulated emails stating, “we finally found a Christian Conservative who decided not to be pushed around by the Joe Straus thugs,” and “Straus is going down in Jesus [sic] name.”

In response to these emails and similar comments by others, Attorney General Paxton, then a state representative, said "[t[here is absolutely no place for religious bigotry in the race for Texas Speaker, and I categorically condemn such action. Furthermore, it is just as shameful for anyone to imply that I would ever condone this type of behavior."

In light of Mr. Myers’ membership on the permanent platform committee which helps shape legislative priorities and core values for the Republican Party of Texas, his conduct should be deeply disturbing and alarming for the Texas GOP. There cannot be any place for prejudice or bigotry within the Party. It must live up to the statement in its party platform’s preamble that “... we still hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal” We therefore urge the Texas GOP to unequivocally condemn Mr. Myers’ most recent comments and immediately remove him from any leadership position.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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