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Tina J. Benkiser, Chairman

Dear Fellow Texas Republican Women,

Thank you for your continued service and dedication to the Republican Party and for the positive difference you make in the lives of Texans everyday. 2008 was a challenging year across our nation, yet Texas remained the shining star among our many states. Thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of Republican Women, Texas Republicans continued to enjoy great success.

At 2,395 officeholders, more Republicans are serving in office in Texas than at any time in our history. To quickly recap 2008, our successes include the following:

- Voted for the Republican Presidential nominee for 8 straight elections
- Re-elected our U.S. Senator
- Gained a seat in the U.S. Congress
- Swept all statewide offices on the ballot for 7 consecutive elections
- Gained offices in 86 counties across Texas
- Gained many countywide seats, e.g.
  - In 2007, Texas had 106 Republican Sheriffs; in 2009, we'll have 123, a gain of 17.
  - In 2007, Texas had 259 Republican Constables; in 2009, we'll have 296, a gain of 37.
  - In 2007, there were 75 Republican Tax Assessor/Collectors; in 2009, we'll have 88, a gain of 13.
- Gained control of 7 county courthouses  
Republicans now have controlling majorities in 107 county courthouses. In 43 of those, Republicans hold all 5 seats on the court.

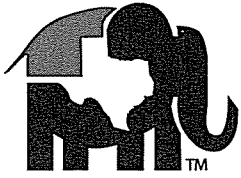
I really appreciate all that you have done to make the Republican Party successful and all that you will do to keep us building on that success! 2009 will be a critical year for Republicans. We must take all the challenges that we face and use them as opportunities for growing our Party.

We will be putting an emphasis on county parties and building at the grassroots level this year. We are updating and developing a variety of resources aimed at educating and equipping as many people as possible to help spread our message of hope and optimism and to work with us in the next election cycle. I hope you all enjoyed our many episodes of RPT-TV this past year since we continue to work with developing technology to keep our communication efforts current and relevant. As always, we will continue to stay strong on our principles while communicating a consistent, concise, conservative, principled message that is both positive and practical.

Texas has remained strong, yet we still have work to do. America, like Texas, is still center-right. Focusing on fiscal responsibility, a strong national defense and traditional family values brought unprecedented growth to our national Party. When national Republican officials failed to stay true to the Party's values and high ethical standards, the Party began to lose races and the trust of the American people. As a result, the national pendulum has been swinging back to the other party. The only thing to change the swing is to introduce energy into the equation. Texas Republicans can lead the way.

I am thankful for the leadership of strong Texas Republican women, and I remain so appreciative of being allowed to serve as Chairman of our Party.

With Sincere Thanks,  
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