

Association of Importers & Exporters of Texas

(Founded in 1994 as IMPORT-EXPORT PRODUCE ASSOCIATION)

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Dear Texas Employer:

Small firms account for one-third of U.S. exports and more than half of our gross domestic product. Consequently, the Association of Importers & Exporters of Texas is firmly committed to advancing a strong small business agenda. A robust and vibrant small business community has proven vital to our nation's long-term prosperity.

Republican and Democratic candidates for national and state office should be judged on their willingness to embrace policies that unleash the job creation potential of U.S. businesses by adopting an agenda that reins in big government, lifts heavy-handed regulation, and ends lawsuit abuse.

This association has joined a nationwide get-out-the-vote effort with the United States Chamber of Commerce, a leader in online voter education technology, with a solid reputation for delivering credible and accurate election information.

After analyzing the background and qualification of the candidates and considering our membership feedback through our election website **VoteForBusiness** at www.imp-exp-texas.org, The Association of Importers & Exporters of Texas is proud to announce their unanimously and enthusiastically vote to endorse the following candidates:

Kay Bailey Hutchison for U.S. Senate
Henry Bonilla for U. S. Representative District 23
Henry Cuellar for U. S. Representative District 28
Pete Sessions For U. S. Representative District 32
Rick Perry for Governor
David Dewhurst for Lieutenant Governor
Greg Abbott for Attorney General
Susan Combs for Comptroller of Public Accounts

We believe that the above candidates commitment to issues that are important to small businesses, will dramatically impact not only our members, but their employees as well.

Sincerely,

Emilio D. Santos
President