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**TO:** Conservative Republicans of Texas  
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**RE:** Texas GOP Primary Survey Findings

The following are key findings from a telephone survey conducted March 5-6, 2014 among N=501 randomly selected Republican primary voters in Texas who are likely to participate in the May 27, 2014 Republican primary run-off. Respondents were reached via landline (80%) and cell phone (20%). The margin of error to these results is +/- 4.4% at the 0.95 confidence level. All percentages are rounded to the nearest whole percent. Key findings are:

1. With 55% on the run-off ballot test, Dan Patrick is very well-positioned to win the Republican primary run-off for Lt. Governor of Texas. David Dewhurst is at 34%.
2. Among the two-thirds of the voters who indicate they are certain to vote in the May run-off, Patrick leads 59% to 32%.
3. Among the four out of five respondents who participated in the recent primary election, Patrick leads Dewhurst 60% to 31%. Note: Four out of five voters who participated in the July 2012 Republican primary run-off participated in the May 2012 primary. Therefore, the proportion of respondents in this survey who plan to return and vote in the 2014 run-off is in line with recent Republican primary turnout figures.
4. At 63% to 30% respectively, Patrick has a commanding lead over Dewhurst among the respondents who participated in the 2012 Republican primary run-off election.
5. Nearly two out of five respondents (39%) are definitely voting for Patrick in the run-off whereas 17% are definitely voting for Dewhurst. The definite vote extrapolated to 100%, which can project the outcome in the final days of an election as well as, if not better than, the total ballot score, places Patrick at 69.6% and Dewhurst at 30.4%.
6. By a three-to-one ratio, respondents who share all or most of the views of the Tea Party prefer Patrick (70%) over Dewhurst (23%). Patrick leads Dewhurst 64% to 25% among voters who consider themselves to be very conservative.
7. Among the 66% of respondents who can form an opinion of both candidates, Patrick leads 67% to 29%.
8. A large majority of respondents (67%) who preferred Todd Staples or Jerry Patterson in the recent primary would vote for Patrick. In contrast, only 22% of the Staples/Patterson voters are supporting Dewhurst.