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Honorable Ron Reynolds, Chair
Texas Legislative Black Caucus
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Re: Resignation Effective March 25, 2023

Dear Chair Reynolds:

I recently reviewed the internal run of the show for the 50th Anniversary of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus Summit and I could not believe my eyes. You have proposed a panel on public education and did not include me while choosing persons outside the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. That is simply beyond words- most of which are not suitable for this letter. Moreover, I was not included on any of the panels scheduled during the Summit. Perhaps that is your way of retaliating for the policy differences between us or as reported, you are simply trying to help your friend who desires to be a state representative. Either way, you are engaging in stank leadership which ignores the plight of Black Texans. You should be ashamed and as I was writing this, it came back to me that when you faced criminal troubles, I was the only person that came to your rescue. No good deed goes unpunished.

Well, as Chair of the TLBC, I suppose you can do whatever. But as a member of TLBC, I don't have to take it. And I won't. I am cancelling my membership in the TLBC, effective March 25, 2023.

Best regards,

HAROLD V. DUTTON, JR.

cc: Members of TLBC

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