

RESOLUTION ON KEN PAXTON IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

WHEREAS the Texas House of Representatives voted to impeach Ken Paxton and submitted a resolution recommending impeachment. The Tarrant County Republican Party find the process of seeking impeachment rushed, not transparent, failed to meet the standard of due diligence, due process and ignored precedence in past impeachment procedure.

WHEREAS outside the knowledge of the rank and file members of the Texas House, the General Investigations committee hired a group of partisan investigators and used second and third hand testimony gathered by this hired group, and

WHEREAS the committee nor any other member of the Texas House had an opportunity to question a single 1st hand witness, and

WHEREAS there is no evidence any witnesses were under oath as required under Texas Government code 301.022, and

WHEREAS Ken Paxton was given no opportunity to speak to the committee or the House nor an opportunity to present evidence, and

WHEREAS the Texas Supreme court has ruled in Reeves vs State of Texas code 665.081 means offenses used for impeachment must be after reelection not just after original election; therefore, many of the accusations in the resolution must be removed from impeachment consideration, and

WHEREAS elected legislators are sworn to uphold the laws of the State of Texas, to preserve, protect, and defend the US and Texas Constitutions,

BE IT RESOLVED that guilt or innocence cannot be determined until all due process/diligence is conducted and therefore the Tarrant County Republican Party

- Condemns those members of the Texas House who voted to impeach when there was no due process /diligence as part of the investigation, especially Speaker Dade Phelan, Republicans David Cook, Charlie Geren, Craig Goldman, Stephanie Klick, and Giovanni Capriglione

- CONDEMNS the process by which the Texas House of Representatives impeached General Paxton as unprecedented and an offense to due process and rule of law, and hereby IMPLORES Texas Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and the members of the Texas Senate to uphold due process, fairness, precedence, and the rule of law, by immediately returning the articles of impeachment to the House of Representatives and conduct no further proceedings in the Texas Senate, including cancelling the Senate Caucus scheduled on Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 which was established under SR735 with the purpose of Rules of Procedure for the Impeachment to be presented for consideration by the Senate, unless and until the House of Representatives fully satisfies due process, complies with applicable Texas Law, and adheres to precedence regarding the Constitutional and statutory impeachment process, and that Ken Paxton immediately resume his duties as duly elected Attorney General.