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March 1, 2011

Ms. Virginia Van Cleave
Executive Director
Daughters of the Republic of Texas
510 E. Anderson Lane
Austin, TX, 78752

Dear Ms. Van Cleave:

As Chairman of the Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee, I would like to thank the Daughters of the Republic of Texas for their stewardship of the Alamo. Your organization has been a valuable resource in the protection of one of the world's most famous battlegrounds.

It has come to the attention of the Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee that there has been controversy regarding financial management and preservation of the Alamo. It would be helpful if you would be willing to provide us with information regarding the condition of the Alamo to our committee, as well as the challenges ahead so we can determine how we can help to continue to adequately preserve it. Additionally, we would like to discuss the overall plan of the site, including street closures and returning the area around the Alamo to its original state in 1836.

I am interested in exploring opportunities where the State of Texas and the Alamo can create a more appropriate presentation of the historical mission our state so greatly values. We would like the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to be a part of this discussion.

We formally request your attendance, along with Pam Rosser, the preservationist, Dr. Bruce Winders, the curator, and each of the board members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas at a hearing on Wednesday, March 9 in E2.010 at the State Capitol. The goal of your attendance is to provide both the present day conditions and the future state of the Alamo. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Chairman Ryan Guillen
Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee

CC: Mark Wolfe, Executive Director, Texas Historical Commission
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