

Lieutenant Governor of Texas President of the Senate

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## Lt. Governor Patrick Makes a Statement on Gov. Perry Indictment

AUSTIN – Today, Texas Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick makes the following statement:

"I am extremely disappointed that the case against Governor Rick Perry will continue.

"Gov. Perry is a dedicated public servant who served our state with integrity and in the best interest of Texans.

"I believe he was within his constitutional authority to make the statement he made and to veto the funding for the Travis County Public Integrity Office.

"The decision to indict Governor Perry was wrong and undermines our democratic principles and separation of powers. These actions have a chilling effect on the legislative process and on every member of the legislature and executive branch.

"We have a duty and a right as office holders to question any official funded by taxpayers. We have a responsibility to withhold funding from any official or agency that we deem is not acting in the best interest of the public."

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