



The Senate of The State of Texas

Senator Leticia Van de Putte, R. Ph.

District 26

July 11, 2004

**Base Realignment and Closure Commission Members
Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center Ballroom
200 East Market Street
San Antonio, Texas 78205**

Dear BRAC Members:

Along with our fellow members of the Texas Senate, we would like to extend our most sincere apologies for being unable to join you for the Base Realignment and Closure Commission Open Meeting today, July 11, 2005 in San Antonio, Texas.

As many of you may know, on June 20 the Texas Legislature returned to Austin for a special session to continue working towards an equitable solution to financing public schools. Yesterday and until early this morning, we were all working on the Senate floor in Austin to pass House Bill 3, the tax portion of the school finance plan. With only 10 days left of this special session, it was imperative for us to stay in Austin and continue work on this bill with the rest of our colleagues.

Again, we send our apologies for our absences this morning. Many of us did not leave the Senate floor in Austin until nearly 4 a.m., making it unfeasible to make an 8:30 a.m. meeting in San Antonio. Thank you for your understanding in this matter and please feel free to direct any questions, comments, or statements you may have to the very capable staff members that will be attending the meeting this morning in our stead.

Sincerely,

Senator Leticia Van de Putte, R.Ph., District 26
Senator Troy Fraser, District 24
Senator Eliot Shapleigh, District 29

Senator Craig Estes, District 30
Senator Kel Seliger, District 31

Senator Rodney Ellis, District 13
Senator Mario Gallegos, District 6
Senator Kyle Janek, District 17
Senator Eddie Lucio, District 27
Senator Jeff Wentworth, District 25
Senator Judith Zaffirini, District 21

Senator Kevin Eltife, District 1
Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, District 20
Senator Jon Lindsay, District 7
Senator Frank L. Madla, District 19
Senator John Whitmire, District 15