



# DENNIS BONNEN



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

June 27, 2019

Mr. Michael Quinn Sullivan  
Chief Executive Officer  
Empower Texans  
Post Office Box 49730  
Austin, Texas 78765

Mr. Sullivan:

My office is in receipt of your letter of June 19, 2019 regarding our meeting on June 12. While I welcomed the opportunity to hear your thoughts and concerns regarding our State government (as well as your recent travels abroad), I regret that your letter reflects a misimpression of our meeting. Your suggestion that either I or Mr. Burrows requested that you, or anyone associated with you, "withhold spending and all other support for political attacks" with respect to any member of the House in exchange for anything is mistaken. No offer was made to you of any kind, and thus, there is nothing for you or anyone associated with you to "reject." In our constitutional democracy you are free to pursue your political interests as you see fit—within the bounds of the law—including making your concerns known to governmental officeholders such as myself. I appreciate the opportunity to hear your concerns, and to communicate to you that I think we share the goal of strong conservative leadership for Texas.

On a side note, I did understand from you that you are concerned regarding an organization that you are associated with receiving media credentials from the House Business Office. As you know, the granting or denial of media credentials is a matter for the House Business Office and the House Administration Committee. Please feel free to take up any matters relating to media credentials with the appropriate officials.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Bonnen".

Dennis Bonnen, Speaker