



May 8, 2025

Mr. Bo French, Chairman
Tarrant County GOP

Dear Chairman French-

I am in receipt of your April 29th, 2025 censure resolution notification.

As you're keenly aware, we are in the midst of the 89th Legislative session. We have 26 days remaining in the session and the logistical ability for me to attend this evening's meeting to defend myself is not practical.

Although I do not support the resolution and believe it is disingenuous and full of deception, at a minimum, I request your strong encouragement to the body to delay the resolution to a time in which I can personally defend my actions. As the leader of the party, I cannot fathom you lack the ability to lead the body to such a reasonable conclusion this evening.

Regarding the specific points on the resolution, please see my comments:

- I voted for Dustin Burrows to be the Speaker of the House. I voted for Dustin because he was the most conservative candidate and had the most leadership experience in the Texas House. The caucus nomination process was at a stalemate and the caucus only nominated a candidate when the number of members voting was reduced. As the session has proceeded, I know it was the right decision and we're seeing benefits from his leadership in moving conservative policy. I'm confident we will continue to keep pass conservative policy during the next couple weeks as we finish the session.
- The house rules package was an adoption of a rules package from previous legislative sessions. The vote to move the House rules was taken to efficiently move the process along. The censure resolution states we are requiring face masks. Not a person on the house floor nor in the Capitol is required to or is wearing a COVID era mask!
- We banned democrat committee chairs. Standing sub-committees under the adopted rules package serve UNDER the Republican committee chair. Sub-committees chaired by Republicans or Democrats have no significant power or influence.
- I co-sponsored HB3. Without hesitation. School choice was a campaign priority of mine. It was a campaign commitment of my primary opponent as well. It is the Governors #1 priority. It is a high priority of President Trump. I'm at a loss as to how this is a censurable act.
- Amendment 51 to SB1 requiring an audit of Operation Lone Star would have unnecessarily spent taxpayer funds with no indication of need. I find it noteworthy that in committee, I voted in support of submitting a request to the federal government to reimburse Texas for the money spent securing our southern border.



- Voting FOR Senate Bill 1 – the state budget – which has support from the Governor, Lt. Governor, the senate, and house – again, I am at a loss as to how this is a censurable act. The budget includes historic support for border security, education AND \$51B in property tax relief, while coming in under inflationary and population growth limits! A growing state and an inflationary environment makes it nearly impossible to have a budget with a reduction in total dollars while accomplishing and meeting the needs of the citizens of Texas. Amendment 21 on Senate Bill 2 was drafted by a democrat. I voted with the 83 of my republican colleagues to table the amendment. The group of 83 republicans included David Cook, Mitch Little, Nate Schatzline, Tony Tinderholt, and Steve Toth.
- Finally, the resolution states I voted to adjourn for more than three days on 8 occasions. One of the occasions allowed me and other members of the legislature to attend the inauguration of President Donald Trump. Each of these adjournments were approved unanimously by the Republican Senate and allow time for senators and representatives to get substantive work done early in the legislative session.

I will be unable to attend the meeting this evening. The reasons are extremely clear. I am in Austin doing the work that I was elected to do.

Based on my explanations above, I believe the resolution lacks merit.

That said, at a minimum, the executive committee should delay this vote. Evaluate my performance on delivering at the END of the legislative session. Allow me to personally discuss my actions.

Thank you

John McQueeney
State Representative
District 97

CC: Precinct Chairs of District 97