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COALITION RESPONSE TO LAWSUIT FILED BY REGENT WALLACE HALL

AUSTIN—The Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education today issued the following statement in response to a [lawsuit](#) filed by Regent Wallace Hall against UT System Chancellor Bill McRaven:

“The Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education formed four years ago this month to encourage good governance and support our state’s public research institutions in the face of an onslaught of damaging ideological and political attacks. When the governance of education becomes overtly political it quickly becomes a case of bad governance, which the Coalition spotlights and opposes. It is clear our advocacy and watchful vigilance are still necessary today.

“It is obvious that this lawsuit is political and has nothing to do with advancing public higher education in Texas. Chancellor McRaven is the CEO of the UT System and has the support of the majority of the Board of Regents. He is correctly and appropriately acting in his professional capacity, and in the best interest of Texas students and their privacy.

“We stand with Chancellor McRaven and trust his leadership and judgment, and look forward to a time when all members of the Board of Regents are working together to advance The University of Texas System for the good of all Texans.”

About the Coalition

The Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education is a bipartisan group of concerned Texans who organized to publicly support and promote excellence in public higher education, and oppose policies and recommendations that are destructive to its quality and long-term sustainability. Our group includes former university presidents, chancellors and regents, as well as numerous business leaders, philanthropists and more than 400 prominent and engaged Texans. Formed in 2011, in response to a growing concern over recommendations being floated that could have long-term damaging effects on our institutions of higher learning, the Coalition hopes to advance a thoughtful, constructive and transparent dialogue around higher education in Texas, seeking to improve the quality educational opportunities for all Texans.

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For more information on the Coalition and information on higher education in Texas, please visit:
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