



Texas Coalition *for*
Excellence *in* Higher Education

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COALITION RESPONDS TO HISTORIC VOTE TO ADMONISH AND CENSURE REGENT HALL

AUSTIN—Following the historic 6-1 vote to censure UT System Regent Wallace L. Hall Jr., the Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education issued the following statement:

“Today’s condemnation of Regent Hall’s actions sends a signal that is bigger than one man, one institution or even the issue of higher education. The House Committee on Transparency in State Agency Operations is appropriately focused on the type of behavior that Texans have the right to expect from gubernatorial appointees who are given the authority and responsibility to govern our state institutions. Whether appointees serve on a university board of regents or oversee a state agency, Texans deserve to have confidence in their integrity and motivations. Regent Hall’s actions have shredded that confidence and today’s censure sends an important signal that the Texas Legislature will not stand for abuse of power by political appointees. The Committee appropriately left the option of impeachment on the table, which is in keeping with its earlier 7-1 vote to move forward on impeachment and its finding that grounds for impeachment exist.”

About the Coalition

The Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education was launched in the summer of 2011 by a group of concerned citizens who believe strongly in the power of higher education to transform lives, build our economy and shape Texas’ future. Formed 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. For more information on the Coalition and information on higher education in Texas, please visit:

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