



Texas Coalition for
Excellence in Higher Education

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COALITION STATEMENT ON GRAND JURY REPORT

AUSTIN—The Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education today issued the following statement after the release of a report by a Travis County grand jury that recommended removal of UT System Regent Wallace L. Hall, Jr., but stopped short of indicting him:

“We respect the grand jury’s legal process and its findings, including its decision and statements. This confirms the Texas Legislature was right to exercise its oversight authority and look into Regent Hall’s actions. This report shows that Regent Hall’s actions were not appropriate, permissible or in keeping with best practices for public officials. Now is the time to move forward – new regents have been appointed and approved, a new president for UT Austin has been designated and the new chancellor clearly wants to move the UT System forward. It is our hope that all have learned from this experience and will join the Chancellor in a spirit of collaboration, cooperation and excellence, and work to advance opportunities for all students within the UT System.”

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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