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Dear Innovation and Technology Industry Leaders,

We are excited to invite you to join or renew your membership with the Innovation & Technology Caucus of the Texas House of Representatives (IT Caucus) as a formal partner in our efforts for the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

The Innovation and Technology Caucus is a bipartisan group of members of the Texas House of Representatives formed in 2015 as a policy shop to focus on educating and informing Texas lawmakers and policymakers on ways to further advance technology industry innovation, growth, and competitiveness here in Texas, and strengthening the already significant impact this sector has on the state's economy.

Texas is widely seen as the #2 state for IT and technology jobs, behind only California. Yet few Texas lawmakers are steeped in technology or related policy issues. The IT Caucus aims to facilitate greater interaction between House members and industry leaders to drive conversation and collaboration on policy issues in the Texas Legislature. We partner with industry leaders—big, small and startups—to interact, tour and learn about what is working here in Texas and in other states with the goal of developing smart, forward-thinking policy that will help build Texas as the new frontier for innovation and technology.

We hope that you will consider supporting our efforts by making a contribution and becoming an official IT Caucus Partner to support our ongoing activities. A number of other technology companies have already signed on and we would be honored to have you on the team.

By law, as a Legislative Caucus we may accept unlimited personal and corporate contributions. We acknowledge that federal and state law limits the manner in which we can spend contributions received from your company or clients, and we agree that our expenditure of funds will fully comply with such restrictions. No portion of the money will be used toward electing or defeating any candidate for public office, whether on the local, state or federal level. The IT Caucus operates as a non-political, bipartisan legislative caucus as defined by Section 253.0341(e) of the Texas Election Code. Per our governing bylaws and state and federal law, the IT Caucus does not participate in any political campaign activity.

On behalf of all the members of the IT Caucus, I want to thank you for your interest and involvement in this critical effort and look forward to partnering with you as our organization continues to grow moving forward in crafting good public policy.

Sincerely,

Dwayne Bohac

Chair



### **ABOUT THE IT CAUCUS**

The technology industry in Texas is a key driver of our state's economy, directly employing almost 600,000 Texans – the 2nd largest technology workforce in the country. These companies are at the forefront of innovation in information technology, biotechnology, telecommunications, e-commerce, clean energy, agriculture, education, healthcare and our day-to-day lives. We want to ensure that next-generation tech innovation *starts in Texas*, *stays in Texas*, and *grows in Texas*.

For this reason, a bipartisan group of members of the Texas House of Representatives formed the **Innovation & Technology Caucus of the Texas House (IT Caucus)** in 2015 as a policy shop and industry partner to focus on educating and informing members on ways to further advance technology industry innovation, growth, and competitiveness here in Texas, and strengthening the already significant impact this sector has on the state's economy. We believe it is vital that the Texas Legislature adopts the best public policies to support and not hinder innovation and technology growth.

We do this by facilitating greater interaction between House members and industry leaders to drive conversation, build relationships and collaborate on common priorities from K-16 education to policies and regulatory frameworks that embrace and harness innovation and emerging technology and encourage entrepreneurship. We partner with industry leaders—big, small and startups—along with primary, secondary and higher education institutions to interact, tour and learn about what is working here in Texas and in other states with the goal of building Texas as the new frontier for innovation and technology.

In three words, our goal is to *inform*, *connect* and *think*. We believe this approach will help us develop and foster smart, forward-thinking public policy for the State of Texas.

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