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Lt. Governor Dan Patrick
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Dear Lieutenant Governor Patrick,

I am writing to decline the appointment as Counsel to the President of the Senate for the upcoming impeachment trial of Warren Kenneth Paxton.

During meetings with your staff regarding the above position, my political activities and relationships to the participants in this matter were discussed. Until today I had no recollection of any relevant matters. I now recall in November 2021 my wife and I contributed \$250 to the Eva Guzman campaign. I did not recall that during our meetings with your staff. I have not actively campaigned for any candidate since becoming a District Court Judge in 2010, nor posted personal political views on social media.

I have full confidence in my ability to fairly offer legal advice in this matter. However, the proceedings commencing on September 5, 2023, are far too important to the State of Texas for there to be any distractions involving allegations of favoritism or personal bias on my part.

Please accept this declination of assignment with heartfelt gratitude at being considered for such a critical matter for the Great State of Texas.

Yours very truly,



Marc W. Brown