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**TED CRUZ CAMPAIGN FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL ENDORSED BY OVER TWO DOZEN
STATEWIDE AND NATIONAL CONSERVATIVE LEADERS**

*Cruz backed by broad coalition of statewide grassroots leaders and prominent national leaders,
including three former U.S. Attorneys General*

AUSTIN, Texas—Former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz announced Monday that a broad coalition of statewide grassroots leaders and prominent national leaders have endorsed his campaign for Texas Attorney General.

Cruz's support includes heads of several Texas organizations that advocate a wide-range of issues, including economic liberty and prosperity, civil justice reform, the rule of law, religious freedom, property rights, family values, the right to life, and fiscal responsibility. Cruz also received backing from three former U.S. Attorneys General, two former U.S. Solicitors General, and several national conservative leaders.

"It's incredibly meaningful to see such an overwhelming show of support from conservative leaders throughout Texas and on the national level," said Cruz. "It's yet another sign of the deep hunger right now for principled, effective leadership in Texas and America. Our campaign has gained tremendous momentum statewide, and I hope we'll play a role in helping provide that leadership."

Ted Cruz served as Texas Solicitor General from January 2003 through May 2008. Cruz, the youngest Solicitor General in America, authored more than 70 U.S. Supreme Court briefs and argued eight times at the nation's top court.

Below are examples of what some of Texas and national leaders are saying about Cruz:

Cathie Adams, President of Texas Eagle Forum & Texas National Republican Committeewoman

"I'm excited to support Ted because he is a true conservative and a man of deep principle and character. He has been a warrior for conservative values, and he has fought for us and won, repeatedly, at the national level. We need Ted's voice and leadership on the state and national level."

David Barton, President of WallBuilders & Former Vice Chairman of Republican Party of Texas

"Ted Cruz has shown by his record, time and again, what he will do in office. He has defended traditional marriage, the right to life, and religious freedom. Ted is a man of integrity who will make Texas proud for many years to come."

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Tim Lambert, President of Texas Home School Coalition

“Texans and people across America are hungry for new, principled leaders to stand up and defend our liberties. Ted has a passion for education and will be an exceptional advocate for parental rights and educational choice for our children. He is a rising conservative star who has fought to protect young children from sexual predators, and has fought to defend Texas families.”

Kelly Shackelford, President of Free Market Foundation

“Ted is a Christian, and a strong conservative. He is one of the most talented attorneys in the country, and he has worked tirelessly to defend religious faith and his country. Whether it was defending the Ten Commandments, or the Pledge of Allegiance, or the Texas moment of silence law, or the Mojave Desert Veterans Memorial -- Ted and I have fought side-by-side, over and over again, to protect the religious liberty of every Texan and every American. I could not endorse anyone more strongly. Ted has proven himself over and over.”

Michael Quinn Sullivan, President of Texans for Fiscal Responsibility

“Ted Cruz is the most qualified candidate for Texas Attorney General. He is a proven leader, having successfully stood up to Washington on behalf of all Texans. Ted is the kind of passionate spokesman for economic liberty we need working against big-government. As the son of a Cuban immigrant who came penniless to Texas, Ted understands first-hand that the keys to long-term prosperity are limited government, individual liberty, and personal responsibility. He knows that for Texans to succeed, they need to be allowed to keep more of their hard-earned money. My friend Ted Cruz is the kind of man who puts Texas values first.”

Peggy Venable, Director of Americans for Prosperity Texas

“Ted is a principled conservative, who has led the way on numerous issues critical to our state’s future. He has stood up for property rights, defended common-sense civil justice reform, and championed individual freedom, low taxes, and smaller government.”

Hon. Bill Barr, Former Attorney General of the United States

“I can think of no one better qualified to serve as Texas Attorney General. Ted is a strong and optimistic leader, whose national record defending conservative principles is generating remarkable excitement.”

Victor Schwartz, American Tort Reform Association, General Counsel; Co-Chair, Civil Justice Task Force, American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)

“I have had the privilege of knowing Ted Cruz for almost a decade. In each of his professional endeavors he has consistently supported a fair system of civil justice. He is a born leader and will make a superb Attorney General of Texas.”

Jay Sekulow, Chief Counsel for the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ)

“I have known Ted Cruz for a decade. He has been a faithful and tremendous public servant, and is dedicated to the constitutional principles that make America great. Ted will make an outstanding Attorney General.”

Hon. Dick Thornburgh, Former Attorney General of the United States; Former Governor of Pennsylvania

“Ted is a fresh, new voice with vast experience. His impressive record makes it easy to see why he’s getting such strong support across Texas and across the nation.”

--Below is the full list of Ted Cruz’s statewide and national leadership teams--

Statewide Leadership Team

Hon. Cathie Adams

Texas Eagle Forum, President; RNC National Committeewoman

Hon. Ernie Angelo

Former RNC National Committeeman; former Mayor of Midland

David Barton

WallBuilders, President; former Vice Chairman, Republican Party of Texas

Hon. Penny Butler

Former RNC National Committeewoman

George P. Bush

Maverick PAC of Texas

Hon. Victor Carrillo

Chairman, Texas Railroad Commission

Reggie Gonzáles

Republican National Hispanic Assembly of Texas, State Chairman

Kaye Goolsby

Former Vice President, Texas Federation of Republican Women; Texans for Ted Cruz, Statewide Grassroots Chairman

Tim Lambert

Texas Home School Coalition, President

Hon. Denise McNamara

Former RNC National Committeewoman

Joe Pojman, Ph.D.

Texas Alliance for Life, Executive Director

Jonathan Saenz

Liberty Legal Institute, Director of Legislative Affairs

Kelly Shackelford

Free Market Foundation, President

Hon. George Strake, Jr.

Former Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas; former Secretary of State of Texas; Texans for Ted Cruz, Treasurer

Michael Quinn Sullivan

Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, President

Peggy Venable

Americans for Prosperity Texas, Director

Kyleen Wright

Texans for Life Coalition, President

(All organizations listed for ID purposes only)

National Leadership Team

Hon. Bill Barr

Former Attorney General of the United States

Hon. Paul Clement

Former Solicitor General of the United States

Jessica Colón

Immediate Past President of the Young Republican National Federation

Hon. Chris DeMuth

American Enterprise Institute, former President; Regulation magazine, former Editor-in-Chief

Tim Goeglein

Focus on the Family Action, Vice President; former Deputy Director, White House Office of Public Liaison

Hon. C. Boyden Gray

Former U.S. Ambassador to the European Union; former White House Counsel; former Chairman, Citizens for a Sound Economy

Hon. Edwin Meese, III

Heritage Foundation, Ronald Reagan Distinguished Fellow in Public Policy; former Attorney General of the United States

Dan McConchie

Americans United for Life, Vice President for Government Affairs

Hon. Ted Olson

Former Solicitor General of the United States

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