Official Campaign Response from Hava Johnston for Texas House District 106

Rep. Jared Patterson's recent statements regarding voter fraud and immigration reflect a misunderstanding of Texas election law and the processes already in place to safeguard our elections. It is important to set the record straight.

Texas law unequivocally prohibits non-citizens from voting. The issuance of limited-time driver's licenses (LTDLs) to individuals with temporary legal status, such as international students or work visa holders, does not grant these individuals the right to vote. LTDLs simply provide legal identification for non-citizens to drive and conduct necessary activities while residing in Texas. Voting in Texas remains a privilege reserved for U.S. citizens, and there are no loopholes allowing undocumented immigrants to cast ballots in our elections.

Our elections are secure. Texas employs robust election systems, including the HART Verity voting system, to ensure transparency and accuracy. Voter rolls are carefully reviewed, and any attempt to vote fraudulently is a second-degree felony, punishable by up to 20 years in prison. The current election safeguards ensure that only eligible U.S. citizens participate in our democratic process.

Rep. Patterson's focus on the Biden-Harris administration's immigration policies distracts from the real challenges facing our community. Immigration policy is a complex issue, but it is not linked to the integrity of our elections. By conflating immigration with election security, Patterson is spreading unnecessary fear rather than offering solutions to the issues that truly matter to Texans—such as improving our education system, expanding healthcare access, and addressing the needs of our working families.

As your next representative for Texas House District 106, I am committed to ensuring that our elections remain secure, fair, and free from political fear-mongering. Texans deserve leaders who work on solutions, not on sowing division. Let's focus on building a future where every eligible voter can exercise their rights confidently, without fear or misinformation.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we will create a stronger, more united Texas.

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