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**Statement from Senator Schwertner on
President Obama's Executive Action on Immigration**

AUSTIN -- This evening, Senator Charles Schwertner (R-Georgetown) issued the following statement regarding President Barack Obama's executive action on immigration:

"President Obama's unilateral decision to grant de-facto amnesty to millions of immigrants living in this country illegally represents a wanton disregard for both the rule of law and the sovereignty of our nation. This unprecedented executive action not only sends the wrong message to those who've immigrated to our country legally, it threatens to take jobs from American citizens and exacerbate the already severe security and humanitarian crisis we face along the Texas-Mexico border.

"The contempt with which President Obama continues to treat the constitutional checks and balances established by our Founding Fathers is nothing short of shocking. By acting alone, the president is disregarding the expressed will of Congress and cultivating a constitutional crisis from which our nation may never recover.

"While the president has chosen to ignore the millions of citizens who have called for border security as the first step in fixing our broken immigration system, Texas leaders will not. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Texas Legislature to secure the border and do the job President Obama has repeatedly failed to do."

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