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**Sen. Campbell Calls for Boost in Emergency Border Security,
Special Session if Immigration Crisis Persists**

AUSTIN-- In a letter to Governor Perry, State Senator Donna Campbell recommended an increase in emergency spending to help assist overworked law enforcement officers along the border. She also requested a special session should the influx of human trafficking worsen and the federal government fail to do its job.

The full text of the letter is included below:

June 18, 2014

Dear Governor Perry:

I have become increasingly alarmed at the influx of immigrants illegally crossing our southern border near Laredo and the Rio Grande Valley, many of them children. Recent estimates from the Department of Homeland Security have put this number at 50,000 unaccompanied minors so far with the possibility of reaching 100,000 by year's end. Our border patrol is overwhelmed, and as a result, Mexican cartels and drug and sex traffickers are taking advantage of the situation to invade our state undetected. If the federal government won't act, we must find a solution before the lives of more children and Texans are unnecessarily put at risk. I strongly urge you to take action to help address this crisis, including approval of emergency spending for more border security and a special legislative session should the situation persist. Thanks for your leadership in protecting our border.

Sincerely,

Senator Donna Campbell, M.D.
Texas Senate District 25

cc: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor
Honorable Joe Straus III, Speaker of the House

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