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The Honorable John Cornyn
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Dear General Cornyn:

I am forwarding several documents from Mr. Charles Bailey who has already contacted your office. It is my understanding that the answers to his questions may have already been researched.

Basically, he has two questions:

(1) What effect do the words "forced to sign under threat, duress and coercion" have on official Texas state documents when the signatory places these words below his or her signature? Does such an action constitute a voidable signature? Is such a signature legally binding or valid? Could additional terms be added to make it valid or binding?

(2) What effect do the words "non assumpsit to the contents of this documents" placed below a signature have on official state documents? Does such an action constitute a voidable signature? Is such a signature legally binding or valid? Could additional terms be added to make it valid or binding?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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