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The Honorable Greg Abbott  
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Dear General Abbott: *Greg*

I respectfully request an opinion regarding the following two questions.

1. If a legislator serving in the Texas House of Representatives announces his candidacy for governor during the first year of the two-year term, would it require immediate resignation from the House of Representatives?
2. If a legislator serving in the Texas House of Representatives announces the formation of an exploratory committee to consider a candidacy for governor during the first year of the two-year term, what implications would it have on the service of the legislator in the House of Representatives?

Your assistance in providing a response to these questions would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Leo Berman*  
Leo Berman

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