

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Senator Hutchison:

We are writing to express our deep gratitude for your unmatched record of service to our state and our nation in the United States Senate, and to let you know of our unanimous, heartfelt desire that such service continue.

Kay, no one knows better than you the daunting complexity of the foreign and domestic challenges that our country faces. It is precisely because this is a historic period of profound decision and sweeping change that we feel obliged to say that the acuity of your vision and the breadth of your experience are needed more than ever.

We want to tell you of our appreciation for some of your specific achievements as senator for our great State of Texas. You led the fight for relief from the marriage income tax penalty, you stood firm against the death tax, and it was you who created and passed the Homemaker IRA to extend a chance for a secure retirement to women in the home. And your aggressive defense in 2008 of the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution before the U.S. Supreme Court as author of the amicus curiae brief in *D.C. v. Heller* was co-signed by the Vice President of the United States and by more members of Congress than any other similar brief in U.S. history.

Similarly, your initiative that created the Overseas Basing Commission, the organization charged with reviewing the U.S. military's global footprint so our armed forces are able to meet and defeat future threats. And we know you are especially proud of your work as chairman of the Board of Visitors for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Committee work mostly goes unnoticed outside the halls of Congress, but we take note of the fact that your daily job is to carefully consider and beneficially influence the formation of key national policy from your senior positions as ranking member of the Senate Commerce Committee, which oversees science, transportation and consumer product regulation, and the Senate Appropriations panel that provides direct funding for military construction and veterans services.

Finally, no one should forget that your very presence in Washington constitutes a milestone in our state's history as the first and only woman ever elected to represent Texas in the U.S. Senate.

We understand your desire to go home to Texas and spend more time with your family. But we hope you realize how necessary your continued service in the U.S. Senate is, for Texas and for our country. Quite simply, there is no person more capable, more committed, and more caring to stand up with John Cornyn and fight Texas's fights in the U.S. Senate. We, as Republican members of the Texas delegation to Congress, pledge to you that, if you will stay and fight, we will fight alongside you.

For God and Texas,

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