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Dear [REDACTED]

As a successful business owner I'm proud of the company I founded. During my election for Railroad Commissioner questions were raised about the possibility of that business being a conflict. As a result, I committed to voters to put that business in a blind trust and step down as CEO. That's exactly what I did prior to being sworn in. The trust was created and implemented by the preeminent ethics expert in the state, and I remain confident that it is being handled appropriately.

I wanted you to be one of the first to know about a liberal hit piece to be published about me by the Dallas Morning News. In this story, the reporter will attack me for my personal business success as many other liberal reporters have done to President Donald Trump, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, Treasury Secretary nominee Steven Mnuchin, and many others.

I don't believe that personal business success should exclude me or anyone else from participating in public service. In fact, I believe that the leadership skills, business acumen and common sense successful business professionals develop make them more qualified to succeed in public office.

I appreciate your strong support and welcome you to call me personally if you have any questions or need anything.

Sincerely,