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Chairman Martinez Fischer to Debbie Riddle: "How do you like them manzanas?"

Today's court action validates what people have been saying all along, that it is the Federal Government's duty to enact immigration policy—and not individual states. My hope is that this ruling is a step toward getting members of Congress from both sides of the aisle to wake up and create comprehensive, fair and responsible immigration policy. However, my colleague Debbie Riddle always finds a way to chase a press cycle and not the facts. In her latest press release she states:

"However, I want to make it clear that I am not put-off by the threat of legal action against a bill here in Texas. If all attempts at the state level to protect our nation's sovereignty are struck down by the courts, it will only serve to stoke the raging signal fire alerting Washington D.C. to the fact that there is finally no one left to blame but themselves for the lack of law and order along our country's borders"

When Debbie and I were first elected to the Texas House of Representatives, we both placed our hands on the Bible and swore to uphold the Constitution. What's changed, Debbie? Do you only abide by your oath of office when politically convenient?

SB1070 does more harm than good and is a symbol of what can happen when people in power disregard the Constitution in order to play partisan games. Governor Perry doesn't want SB1070 in Texas. Neither does Speaker Straus or the rest of Debbie's party.

It's time to do the people's business and not chase sound bites. Malicious, unconstitutional and fiscally irresponsible legislation, like SB 1070, is a waste of time and taxpayer dollars. In a time where the budget is \$18 billion dollars light, we should be drafting legislation to solve real issues not chase our tails trying to get on Fox News.

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