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Ken Paxton Reports Almost \$2.3 Million Cash on Hand *Strong Financial Report Builds on Position as Grassroots Conservative Favorite*

(McKinney, Texas) - Building on an impressive grassroots organization, growing conservative endorsements, and supportive comments from Senator Ted Cruz, the Ken Paxton for Attorney General Campaign reports a strong financial position of almost \$2.3 million cash on hand for the January 15th Texas Ethics Commission fundraising report. The report to be filed later today will show the campaign having raised over \$1,000,000 from more than 700 unique donors during the most recent reporting period, resulting in a cash on hand of \$2,294,850.15.

Today's report demonstrates that the McKinney Republican is well-positioned to wage a competitive media campaign and build on his leadership as the clear choice of the conservative grassroots. Earlier today in Bell County, Senator Paxton won the latest straw poll held by the Central Texas Republican Women*. On Monday evening, Senator Paxton appeared with his two opponents and won the Denton County straw poll with 65% of the vote. Senator Paxton has won 8 straw polls, including all forums where he has personally attended. Paxton has campaigned as a trusted conservative and the only candidate with an 11-year record as a proven conservative fighter.

Over the weekend, Senator Ted Cruz stated, "And also let me say a word about my good friend Ken Paxton. You know, the Word says, 'You shall know them by their fruit.' Ken Paxton has represented a great many of you for over a decade in the state house and the state senate. And Ken Paxton is a tireless conservative warrior. Ken Paxton stands and fights, whether it's against Obamacare, whether it's fighting for voter ID, or whether it's fighting to defend our religious liberty. And I'm proud to say Ken Paxton is my friend and fighting hard for the state of Texas."

As the March 4th primary approaches, Senator Paxton is honored to have won the lion's share of key conservative endorsements, including Texas Patriots PAC, Young Conservatives of Texas, Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, Texas Right to Life PAC, Texas Home School Coalition, Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee, Senator Brian Birdwell and 25 Texas House members, and over 100 Tea Party leaders and activists across Texas. Senator Paxton is the only candidate approved by the North Texas Tea Party.

Paxton has previously been endorsed by prominent Texas and national conservatives including Penny Nance, President and CEO, Concerned Women for America*; Senator Rick Santorum; Cathie Adams, President, Texas Eagle Forum* and Former Chairman, Republican Party of Texas; Tim Lambert, President, Texas Home School Coalition* and Former Republican National Committeeman for Texas; David Barton, Founder of WallBuilders and former Republican Party of Texas Vice Chair; Ann Hettinger, Former State Director of Concerned Women for America of Texas*; Rick Green, Former Texas State Representative and Host of WallBuilders* Live; Carol Everett, Texas Pro-Life Leader; Founder and CEO of The Heidi Group*; Michelle Smith, State Director of Concerned Women for America of Texas*; Jonathan Saenz, President, Texas Values*; and Hon. Paul Pressler, Former State Representative, Former District Court Judge, and Former Justice, 14th Court of Appeals.

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