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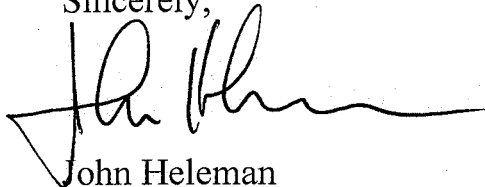
The Honorable James L. Keffer
State Representative, District 60
Texas House of Representatives
Capitol Building, Room 1N.12
Austin, Texas 78768

Dear Chairman Keffer:

With respect to the question posed in your letter of August 20th, the necessary state sales tax rate that would have had to have been in effect during state fiscal year 2011 in order that tax remittances would have totaled \$61.76 billion would have had to have been 23 percent. As you outlined in your letter, the tax rate of 23 percent in this hypothetical scenario assumes the rate had been in place such that fiscal 2011 state sale tax collections reflected that rate for all twelve months. It is further assumed, for the purpose of addressing this scenario, that the base of the tax would be the base actually in place during fiscal 2011.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact me by e-mail at john.heleman@cpa.state.tx.us or by phone at 475-0042.

Sincerely,



John Heleman
Chief Revenue Estimator

cc: District Office

