

JAMES L. KEFFER



DISTRICT 60 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

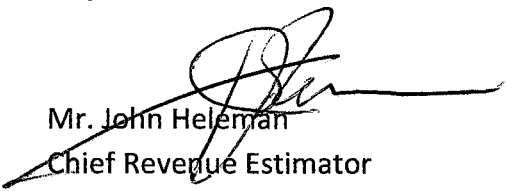
CAPITOL OFFICE:

P.O. Box 2910
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78768-2910
(512) 463-0656
FAX (512) 478-8805
DISTRICT60.KEFFER@HOUSE.STATE.TX.US

COMMITTEES:

CHAIRMAN - ENERGY RESOURCES
CALENDARS
NATURAL RESOURCES
REDISTRICTING

August 20, 2012



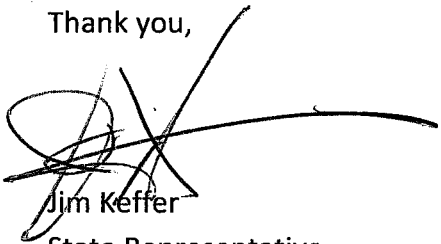
Mr. John Heleman
Chief Revenue Estimator
Comptroller of Public Accounts
P.O. Box 13528
Austin, TX 78711-3528

Dear Mr. Heleman:

I would appreciate your assistance to answer the following question:

State sales tax collections in fiscal 2011 were \$21.48 billion at a rate of 6.25%. What rate would have been needed to generate \$61.76 billion in collections during that year, assuming that the rate had been fully implemented all year?

Thank you,



Jim Keffer
State Representative



September 17, 2012

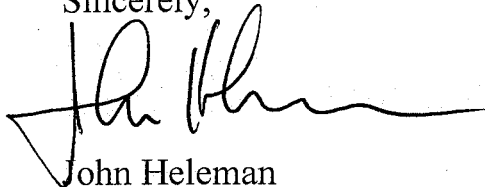
The Honorable James L. Keffer
State Representative, District 60
Texas House of Representatives
Capitol Building, Room 1N.12
Austin, Texas 78768

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

