

## **CENSURE OF U.S. SENATOR JOHN CORNYN III**

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Texas allows the party to sanction a Republican office holder; and

WHEREAS, Senator John Cornyn III has demonstrated a pattern of action demonstrably opposed to the Principles of the 2022 Republican Party of Texas (RPT) Platform by repeatedly voting contrary to these Principles; and

WHEREAS, Senator Cornyn is a part of a small contingent of Republican senators who, in opposition to the vast majority of their fellow Republican senators including Senators Cruz, Lee, Kennedy, Paul, repeatedly crossed over to vote with the Democrat majority in procedural (cloture) votes and final votes of confirmation of at least twelve Biden presidential appointees, including Merrick Garland, multiple U.S. District Judges, Director of the Asian Development Bank, a member of the Federal Election Commission, Undersecretary for Intelligence and Analysis, a U.S. Circuit Judge, and the General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury; and these actions violate the RPT's third principle, "Preserving individual, Texan, and American sovereignty and freedom"; and

WHEREAS, Senator Cornyn again crossed over with a small contingent, generally of the same Republican senators, to vote with the Democrat majority against a Motion to Proceed to S.Con.Res. 41, which was a concurrent resolution authored by Senator Rand Paul," setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2023 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2023 through 2032", and this is a violation of the RPT's fourth principle, "Limiting government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Texas Constitutions", and fifth principle, "Personal accountability and responsibility"; and

WHEREAS, Senator Cornyn was the lead Republican negotiator for a working group made up of twenty Republican, Democrat, and Independent senators to work on gun control legislation and voted for the legislation, namely S.2938, which subsidizes red flag laws, imposes additional restrictions on otherwise legal owners of firearms, expands background checks, and egregiously violates every Texan's Second Amendment rights; and this is a violation of the RPT's ninth principle, "A free enterprise society unencumbered by government interference or subsidies"; and

WHEREAS, Senator Cornyn, after having betrayed these Republican principles with this one issue, had the unmitigated temerity to try to convince thousands of Republican delegates at the 2022 RPT Convention that he was working to protect the Second Amendment, and such subterfuge is a gross violation of the RPT's third principle, "Preserving individual, Texan, and American sovereignty and freedom", and fifth principle, "Personal accountability and responsibility"; and

WHEREAS, Senator Cornyn has a history of crossing over to help the Democrat Party to

accomplish their objectives and has cosponsored yet another bill, S4384 by Democrat Senator Chris Coons, which bill on its face seeks to foster increased civic engagement in the educational setting and appropriates over \$6B over the next six years to fund nonprofits and educational institutions to create and implement programs designed to accomplish those ends; and

WHEREAS, S.4384 authorizes the \$6B in grant money to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Department of Education for programs which accomplish the objective of “striking ‘traditional American history, free institutions, or Western civilization’” and “inserting ‘American political thought and history, free institutions, the impact of American representative democracy and constitutional democracies globally, or the means of participation in political and civic life’”, and this is clearly an attempt to foster the imposition of Critical Race Theory and subsidize groups with other non-traditional or anti-traditional concepts of American exceptionalism, which will erode historically accurate portrayals of America’s foundation on and contributions to Western civilization; and

WHEREAS, the outworking of S4384 will “educate” children in an alternate version of American history and is clearly a violation of the RPT’s seventh Principle, “Having an educated population, with parents having the freedom of choice for the education of their children”, it is unconscionable to have Republican support now therefore

Be It Resolved that the Republican Party of Ellis County does hereby censure Senator John Cornyn III; and

Be It Further Resolved that an official copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas; and

Be It Further Resolved that we urge the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) to concur in this resolution of censure; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Republican Party of Ellis County, in solidarity with Republicans all across our county and our state, are stridently opposed to Senator Cornyn’s continued scorning of Republican principles, and we urge Senator Cornyn to address constituents’ grievances and uphold, support, and vote according to all Republican Party of Texas Principles as published in the 2022 Platform; and

Be It Further Resolved that Ellis County Republican Party strongly encourages our fellow Republican Party County Executive Committees, Auxiliaries, and conservative groups across the state of Texas to pass this or a similar resolution to express the solidarity of Republicans statewide and their widespread dissatisfaction with Senator Cornyn’s lack of fidelity to our founding principles, our national and state constitutions, and the Republican Party of Texas

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

by the Republican Party of Texas Ellis County Executive Committee