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House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

FOR HB 19 (Murr) *re to the creation of a specialty trial court to hear certain cases.*

Chairman Leach and Members of this Committee:

My name is Glenn Hamer, I am the President and CEO of the Texas Association of Business. TAB is the State Chamber of Commerce and the state affiliate for the National Association of Manufacturers. TAB represents members across every industry sector and size, and our local chamber partners across the state. On behalf of the Business Community of the greatest state in the country, we thank you for your work on important issues.

TAB supports policies that help maintain and enhance Texas as the best state for business. Texas' economic success is the result of good tax, regulatory, infrastructure, talent, and economic development policies. It's not multiple choice: it's all of the above. When businesses bring, grow, and maintain investments, jobs, and facilities in our state, the entire Texas economy wins. Creating a specialty business court to handle corporate governance lawsuits would further enhance our state's pro-business regulatory climate.

Stated in our TAB policy priorities, we support efforts to modernize systems across government agencies to reduce administrative burdens, increase efficiency, promote innovation, enhance transparency, and provide cost savings to businesses and taxpayers.

Creating a business court in Texas would accomplish these goals within the court system, and allow businesses more flexibility to focus on continuing job creation, paying their employees, and serving their customers instead of getting tied up in costly and time consuming court battles. Specialty business courts will continue to promote the growth of our economy by giving businesses confidence knowing there are judges with the expertise necessary to deal with complex disputes among business parties.

We have seen several other states utilize specialty business courts to deal with legal issues among companies, and that has created a predictable, efficient, and fair process for how conflicts are resolved - ultimately saving employers time and money.

Again, thank you Chairman Leach, Chairman Murr, and members of the Committee for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 19 today on behalf of the Texas State Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,

President & CEO
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