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Dear General Cornyn:

1084 Liz Robinson
cc: Thomas Glenn

As Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Technology and Business Growth, I would like to request you issue an opinion on the following questions:

Given all the choices an institution of higher education has to procure insurance (Education Code 44.031), is using a designated broker of record legitimate?

If an institution of higher education uses competitive bidding to hire a designated broker of record is the broker then required to use competitive bidding to procure insurance?

These questions arose when Mr. Leon Petty of Abilene attempted to bid to provide insurance to Tarrant County College. He is concerned that this institutions are using the broker of record to eliminate minority bidders. I have enclosed Mr. Petty's correspondence including two related attorney general opinions issued by Dan Morales.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Troy Fraser
State Senator

