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Dear High School Administrator:

We write to ensure that your students graduating in the top ten percent of their high school class know they have the opportunity of automatic admission to all Texas public universities. The signatories of this letter encourage you to inform your administrators, counselors, parents, and students about the Texas Top Ten Percent Plan, which provides for the automatic admission of high-ranking students to any public university in Texas, including the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University in College Station.

In 2009, the Texas Legislature enacted some changes to the Top Ten Percent Plan that will slightly limit the automatic admissions beginning in the Fall of 2011 to UT Austin, but this limit does not apply to any other state university. In an effort to promote access to higher education for all Texas students, we have enclosed an informational flyer explaining the changes made by the new law to the Top Ten Percent Plan including the notification requirements to high school students by high school counselors mandated by the state. It is our hope that you will distribute the enclosed flyer and educate parents and students about the law and the opportunities to pursue higher education.

The Top Ten Percent Plan has proven effective in bringing a greater cross-section of students to the state's flagship and other universities, including students from rural areas, low-income students, African Americans and Latinos. For this reason, we have supported the Top Ten Percent Plan since its inception. If you have any questions about the Top Ten Percent Law, please do not hesitate to call or contact us.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Staff Attorney

On Behalf of:

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