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Dear Policy Leader,

The Texas Public Policy Foundation and the Mercatus Center at George Mason University are pleased to announce the first annual *Capital Campus Texas*, a professional and educational development program for decision makers in Texas.

*Capital Campus Texas* is a university-based education program designed specifically for policy makers in Texas that connects seasoned academics with practitioners of public policy. With thousands of participants in the Mercatus Center's Capitol Hill Campus program in Washington, DC and hundreds more in states around the country, we are pleased to bring this outstanding program to Texas for the first time this Fall.

The two-day retreat will be held at the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort, just outside of Austin. *Capital Campus Texas* will cover all participant expenses for the program, including group transportation, materials, meals, and overnight accommodations. Participants will hear from and interact with some of the nation's leading experts in public policy. We are particularly excited to have Dr. Arthur Laffer, of the famous "Laffer Curve" to keynote the evening dinner and lead participants in a unique lecture on economics.

Enclosed are the *Capital Campus Texas* brochure and application form, which are also available online at [www.texaspolicy.com](http://www.texaspolicy.com). **There are a limited number of seats available for the inaugural class.** Participation in *Capital Campus Texas* is selective and applications are required. Only completed applications received by September 15, 2007 will be reviewed. All legislative, leadership and state agency staff are encouraged to apply.

If you have any questions about the program or the application process, please contact Will Franklin at [wfranklin@texaspolicy.com](mailto:wfranklin@texaspolicy.com) or by phone at (512) 472-2700.

We look forward to receiving your application for *Capital Campus Texas*.

Sincerely,

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