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LANDRY RESPONDS TO TCCRI AND OPPONENT'S HEALTHCARE PLAN

On Thursday, May 17, Democratic Candidate for House District 83 Drew Landry called a press conference at the Lubbock Democratic Headquarters to respond to the forums on education and healthcare put on the prior day by the Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute (TCCRI).

“What attendees were left with yesterday was more questions than answers on healthcare and education,” Landry said. “All that forum was yesterday was smoke and no fire. There were no solutions to any issues and it was the same tired and simplistic responses to these complicated issues.”

Landry went on to take his opponent's healthcare plan to task. “My opponent discussed his ‘Whataburger Plan’ for healthcare. I can see it now, people ordering healthcare from a drive – thru menu saying ‘I’ll have the proctologist with cheese, please,’” Landry quipped. He went on to say that “healthcare is a serious issue that needs a serious solution.”

He went on to give his plan to help solve the healthcare issue in Texas. “What needs to happen is the expansion of Medicaid...the invisible barrier keeping out of state health insurance companies from competing in Texas needs eliminated...doctors need to be encouraged not to give repetitive tests and to prescribe generic drugs...and patients need to negotiate their health insurance and drug prescription costs...These are steps in the right direction and derive from scientific research, not from a think tank.”

Landry ended the press conference stating how forums like yesterday need to give solutions, not campaign rhetoric. “The real threat to Texans’ healthcare isn’t good ideas. It is the simplistic ones that are not research based. It will take time to reform healthcare and that is why District 83 needs a pragmatic leader like me, rather than one who cannot think outside of the Happy Meal box.”

