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December 11, 2014

Reginald Moore
Texas Slave Descendants Society
8619 Barronwood Circle East
Houston, Texas 77083

Re: Recognition of the convict lease system

Dear Mr. Moore,

Thank you for your recent letter requesting an official apology from the state for the convict lease system of 1867. While I take this issue very seriously; it is common courtesy to allow the elected official that represents your district to review the initial correspondence. Therefore, I have forwarded your correspondence to Senator Joan Huffman. Senator Huffman's mailing address and telephone numbers are listed below for your convenience.

Texas State Senate District 17--Senator Joan Huffman
Capitol Office: CAP 1E.15
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Capitol Address: P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711
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Houston TX 77254
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I'm sure that Senator Huffman and her staff will provide the assistance necessary to resolve this matter, and if I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John".

JOHN WHITMIRE

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cc: The Honorable Joan Huffman

