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## **The worst candidates**

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Every two years, candidates seeking reelection state similar concerns with sentences like: “The Rio Grande Valley has a high unemployment rate and its labor force is unskilled, making it difficult for the region to attract major businesses to the area,” but the conditions remain the same, as the poorest and least educated region in the nation.

The Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce, (TABCC) puts out a legislative scorecard that portrays practically all border lawmakers as anti-business and the U.S Chamber of Commerce vote scorecard of our congressmen isn’t too good.

I encourage employers and employees to visit our website <http://www.imp-exp-texas.org/Scorecard.htm> to find the Scorecard for Senate, U.S. House of Representatives and Texas Legislators.

Lawmakers are scored from 0 to 100. The average score was 55 in the House and 62 in the Senate. Aaron Peña scored 17. All of the Valley state representatives scored below 28, except Roberto Gutierrez who had 50 percent.

Congressman Hinojosa score was 62 but U S Representative Lloyd Doggett candidate for District 25, has an anti-business score of 30 percent. In Texas only Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX 18th) of Houston with 26 has a worse score than Doggett.

Many people usually are disappointed with the state or national business organization scores. I understand that elected officers like mayors, local organizations and even business endorse anti-business candidates, but if we want new employers to come down to the Valley we need to elect whomever can attract businesses.

The large investors are not interested in local politician endorsements, but care for the opinion of the state and national business organizations with credibility.

Enough with the same old song, enough the same rhetorical speeches. It is time for employers and employees to wake-up and open their minds to vote for candidates to be able to bring our children prosperity like other regions of Texas.

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