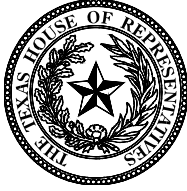


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## **Keffer Names Crownover to Lead Energy Resources Subcommittee on Seismic Activity**

**Austin** – Today Representative Jim Keffer (R-Eastland), Chairman of the Texas House Committee on Energy Resources announced the formation of the Subcommittee on Seismic Activity to investigate the recent increased seismic activity that has occurred in areas adjacent to oil and gas production and disposal wells. The Subcommittee will be chaired by the Vice Chair of Energy Resources Myra Crownover (R-Denton), and will include Representatives Phil King (R-Weatherford), Terry Canales (D-Edinburg), and Chris Paddie (R-Marshall).

“The recent rise of seismic activity in Texas has caused much debate and assumptions to be made with regards to oil and gas production and disposal wells. I believe that with the help of the Texas Railroad Commission we can study and find the cause for the seismic activity base on scientific facts. I am confident that Vice Chair Crownover and the members of the subcommittee will conduct a thorough review of the best information and science available,” said Chairman Keffer.

Representative Crownover has served as Vice Chair of the Energy Resources Committee for four terms in the Texas House and has tackled a number of tough oil and gas issues before. In 2009, she authored legislation requiring pipeline companies to use public right-of-way whenever possible and in 2011 she joined Chairman Keffer as to author landmark legislation requiring oil and gas companies to disclose the chemicals they use in the “fracking” process.

“The Texas oil and gas industry is the envy of the nation and the world. All Texans benefit from the safe production of our natural resources. It is our job as legislators to make sure that we address the concerns surrounding recent earthquake activity so that all Texans can sleep easy, confident that the oil and gas industry continues to operate in a safe and responsible manner,” said Crownover.

Representative King has been vocal about the need for answers in his North Texas district. Residents in Azle, Texas have experienced a number of small earthquakes and Representative King recently sent a letter to the Texas Railroad Commission calling for an investigation into the increased seismic activity in his district.

"Although seismic activity is not unheard of in North Texas, the frequency of these tremors in the Azle area is certainly a new phenomenon," King stated. "I look forward to our subcommittee's review of the hard science as it is developed. This has been very unnerving for many in our community."

*Myra Crownover has represented District 64 in the Texas House of Representatives since 2000. House District 64 includes Denton, Lake Dallas, Corinth, Shady Shores, Hickory Creek, Krum, and the northwest part of Denton County.*

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