

# Republican Prosecutors for Jon Cole

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Dear Fellow Texan:

As elected prosecutors, we are committed to building a safer Texas. That is why we are supporting Jon Cole for State Representative for District 67 in the upcoming Republican primary. Jon Cole opposes the recent drug and felony decriminalization effort in Texas. He will be tough and consistent in protecting our communities.

We had expected that a Republican majority in the Texas legislature would follow through on the historical promise to fight against crime. Unfortunately, a small coalition of legislators, led by State Representative Jerry Madden, has repeatedly violated that promise through a vigorous effort to soften Texas criminal laws. Collectively, this group has undermined the discretion of judges and prosecutors, putting citizens and our children at an ever-growing risk of harm.

Every year, law enforcement approaches the legislature with well-considered recommendations on how to make Texas a safer place. Every year, we wind up playing defense against Jerry Madden and his liberal agenda. Masked as policies that are "smart on crime," here are just some of Madden's dangerous legislative ideas:

- Madden would have released up to 50,000 felons into our communities without supervision if Governor Perry had not vetoed his bill in 2005.
- Hundreds of juvenile offenders have been released early from the Texas Youth Commission, including rapists and murderers – and almost 20% have been re-arrested for new crimes;
- Madden has cut supervision in half for thousands of drug and property offenders, preventing their return to prison when they commit new crimes or violate their conditions of release;
- Madden's has opposed new prison construction even though our prison population increases; he has done this as murders increased in both Plano and Richardson while reported rapes in Dallas grew by more than 100 in just one year.
- Madden sponsored legislation eliminating punishment for some serious drug dealers by removing all judicial and prosecutorial discretion to send persons with distributive amounts of heroin, "cheese," cocaine, crack, and other drugs to prison.

Since the legislative session ended last May, Madden has continued to be a spokesman for decriminalization and ACLU-supported criminal justice agendas. Based on his advocacy, he received an appointment to a nationwide policy board – funded by George Soros, the principal financial supporter of moveon.org and other anti-Republican groups.

There is an answer to this growing crisis: replace Jerry Madden with a genuine conservative committed to protecting Texas families. Jon Cole supports giving law enforcement the tools needed to perform their duties. Jon Cole opposes weakening our criminal laws, so that we do our jobs once...and do it right. Jon Cole is a former aide at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and is seeking the Republican nomination, in part, to challenge Jerry Madden and his regressive, dangerous policies.

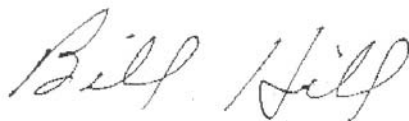
Jon Cole attended Plano public schools in the wake of the heroin epidemic that, less than a decade ago, devastated Plano schools. Jon recognizes the signs of the illegal drug resurgence in parts of Texas. He understands the plague that drugs inflicted on the youth of Collin County and its contribution at all levels of criminal activity.

With your help, we can send a message to the Texas legislature and to those who seek to handicap Texas law enforcement: liberalization and decriminalization is not the way to fight crime. We can send that message by electing Jon Cole to the Texas House. We strongly urge you to support Jon Cole's effort to restore District 67's conservative voice. We believe that Jon Cole will be an outstanding new Leader for Texas. Please join us in supporting his candidacy.

Most sincerely,



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