



To: All CWB Chairs,  
In the great state of Texas.

Hello,

As another legislative year approaches, I would like to appeal to all of you to take a few moments of your time to fill out the Local Assistance Survey (LAS). This survey is vital in a legislative year to show just how much time and money your board has contributed to the children in care from your county. Without this information we cannot accurately detail the shortfall in care our children would have without us. Also, it is a tool for your board to be able to report to your commissioner's court on the strides you have made this past year. I cannot express to you how important having this information impacts DFPS appropriations in funding and can make the difference in one program being funded or not.

Along with the L.A.S is the paperwork for your board to sign up for the License plate money distribution. If you don't know what I am talking about, last year the Texas Council of Child Welfare boards created a License plate as a way to raise awareness to the plight of our children in care and raise money for each county board. To be able to be a part of this fund raising effort we need you to fill out the whole 3 pages, which includes your current board roster and return it no later than May 15, 2010. If you have already completed it, this is an opportunity to make any changes or updates to the information you sent in previously. You can obtain these forms by going to [TCCWB.org](http://TCCWB.org) and it is on the main page. It is also attached to this email.

I want to thank you in advance for doing this. Also, thank you for all you and your board do for abused and neglected children. Without your hard work, children would be in dire need of the basic necessities in life. You provide the tools for their success!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D.J. Tessier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D" and a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.

D.J. Tessier  
President TCCWB