



# San Antonio Police Officers' Association

*"In the interest of efficiency and welfare of the San Antonio Police Department and its members"*

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Dear Express-News Editorial Board:

As Police officers who have worked closely with the families of murder victims, we find it outrageous that Jeff Judson would blame Joe Straus for the acts of a violent criminal, as Gilbert Garcia referenced in his Feb. 19 article.

Joe Straus is a champion for public safety and an outstanding partner to those of us who fight crime in San Antonio. His leadership helps us keep the people of this city safe. Mr. Judson, meanwhile, is trying to exploit a tragic incident for his own political advantage. Mr. Judson has made a shameful choice.

We all grieve for the family of the young man referenced in Mr. Judson's attacks. But that does not change this fact: Joe Straus is fully committed to protecting the people of San Antonio, and those of us on the front lines are proud to work with him.

Yours in service,

Michael F. Helle  
President San Antonio Police Officers Association