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VEASEY STANDS WITH NORTH TEXAS WORKING FAMILIES

Veasey Opponent Disparages North Texas' Largest Employers

(Fort Worth) – The Veasey for Congress (TX-33) campaign concluded a press conference moments ago in which Representative Marc Veasey was joined by former Congressman Martin Frost and group of union workers to address an opponents' disparaging comments about General Motors.

As reported in the Fort Worth Star Telegram, Domingo Garcia said at a candidate forum, "I don't have any confidence in General Motors." He then went on to say that the vehicles built at the GM plant Arlington are "not good for America."

About 15 years ago, the GM Plant in Arlington nearly closed. Thanks in large part to the efforts of Governor Ann Richards, former Congressman Martin Frost and the local labor leadership, the plant was kept open and is now, just a couple of years after the President kept GM from going bankrupt, the plant is as healthy as it has been in years.

"I'm kind of old to be shocked. But, I must say I was shocked to hear about how Domingo Garcia does not seem to understand or care about the jobs here at GM and the importance of this plant. The last thing North Texas needs is a Congressman who says he 'doesn't have confidence' in General Motors and thinks the automobiles built here are 'not good for America'", said Congressman Frost.

In addition to his comments about GM, Garcia also disparaged two of North Texas' largest employers – Lockheed Martin and American Airlines. When asked if he supported the F-35 fighter built by Lockheed Martin, the 6th largest employer in North Texas, Garcia answered, "no". Garcia referred to American Airlines, the largest employer in North Texas, as "reprehensible" in the context of their bankruptcy leaving thousands of jobs of risk.

"Anyone who, like me, grew up in Fort Worth, knows how important major manufacturing and union jobs are at GM, at American Airlines and at Lockheed," said Veasey. "I know one of my most important jobs in Congress will be to stand with you and work with you to protect the jobs in our area and to protect your rights as American workers."

Among the groups who have endorsed Veasey is the Texas AFL-CIO.

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"Before a crowd of Democrats in the heart of downtown Fort Worth, Garcia sounded like no congressional candidate Tarrant County has ever seen.

He dismissed legacy Arlington employer General Motors and its gas-hungry SUVs as "not good for America" and called Fort Worth-based American Airlines' management "reprehensible."

Asked whether he would defend the pricey F-35 project to save jobs at Lockheed Martin, he said no."