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Gianna Delgado
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Dear Ms. Gianna Delgado,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and the gift of a painting, you have a true artist's eye, and it shows in your beautiful work.

I agree that poaching is wrong and it can be devastating to not just tigers and panda bears but to the whole ecosystem.

While we do not have tigers and panda bears in Texas, we do have the Armadillo. The nine-banded armadillo is a relatively recent addition to Texas and is the only species of armadillo that occurs in North America. The Texas armadillo is about the size of a large cat. Armadillos eat insects and bird eggs, and when surprised they will leap straight up in the air which acts to startle an attacker while the armadillo scurries off to a safe den. They are quite amusing critters. The nine ringed armadillo was made the official state small animal by a decree of the Texas State Legislature in 1995.

A famous artist, Vincent Van Gogh, only sold one painting in his lifetime. Today he is known around the world as one of the greatest painters of all time. A famous comedian once said, "Van Gogh would've sold more than one painting if he would put tigers in them." You are already one step ahead of Van Gogh; the sky is the limit for you and your future artistic endeavors.

I hope this letter finds you in good spirits and wish you all the best in your future.

Sincerely,

Bob Hall
Texas State Senator



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