

**TARP is not her mistake ...**

Re: "Hutchison: Bailout vote was a mistake -- She says Perry favored it, also; his aide says support not specific," Thursday news story.

U. S. Sen. **Kay Bailey Hutchison** now says she's against TARP. Actually, it was one of the few good things she voted for in Washington, because it stopped the **recession** and put us back onto the path of economic growth.

Seems the senator will flip-flop with the prevailing conservative thinking and do whatever it takes to get elected governor. Her TV ad opposing health care reform is disingenuous; she's going to vote against the very thing she advertises, which is to help struggling families and their children.

When the senator and her opponent, **Rick Perry**, accused each other of being in office too long, they are both right. It's time for fresh and new leaders for both governor and the senate.

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**... and ignorance not an excuse**

I find it offensive that U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said that "if I had known ..." she would not have voted for the \$700 billion bailout fiasco. As I recall, The Dallas Morning News ran a full-page ad by the **Cato Institute** telling all it was a bad idea. It is safe to say that she got thousands of letters from constituents like me telling her it was not going to work.

I do not support Rick Perry nor the **Democrats** running for governor. But do the people of Texas really want someone who will not listen to them or do the work it takes to make informed decisions?

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