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The Honorable Greg Abbott
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711-2428

Re: Lake Houston Dam Improvement Project Funding

Dear Governor Abbott:

In the years since the devastation wrought by Hurricane Harvey upon our community, the City of Humble has worked tirelessly with our community and governmental partners to ensure that such an event never happens again.

The City of Humble, despite being only ten square miles with a population of 16,000 has poured resources into drainage and mitigation efforts and has joined with the San Jacinto River Authority, the City of Houston and a multitude of MUD's to formulate comprehensive strategies to fix the chronic flooding of the San Jacinto River—a river which we as a city cannot control and have no authority to do as such even if we could. This is why the Lake Houston Dam Spillway Improvement Project is so vitally important to our residents and businesses who cannot endure another destructive flood event.

To be blunt, we have done our part; we as a City and as a broader community have done what you yourself directed us to do. Now, it is time for the State to do the same. The \$150 million dollars for the design and construction of new flood control gates as is currently written into Senate Bill 1, Article 11 must remain in the bill and ultimately in the State's approved budget. Every storm season or major rain event that goes by without improvements made to the Lake Houston Dam puts our residents and businesses at further and compounding risk.

It is my sincere hope that the legislature will do the right thing by fully funding the request that has been made and that you will make good on the words you spoke in the days and weeks immediately after Hurricane Harvey and support our residents and businesses by supporting this critical community saving project.

Respectfully,

Norman Funderburk
Mayor