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San Jacinto River Authority
Attn: Board of Directors
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Dear Members of the Board,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for the seasonal lowering of Lake Conroe. This temporary measure will help mitigate against future flooding until permanent flood gates can be installed and dredging of the San Jacinto's West Fork can be completed.

The regional flooding impact of Hurricane Harvey was catastrophic in Kingwood, Humble and other areas of Northeast Harris County. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) subsequently gave SJRA discretion to enforce lake reduction protocols in hopes of avoiding such widespread and uncontrolled flooding. The City of Houston, as owner of 2/3 of the Lake Conroe water rights, endorses the exercise of this discretion for strategic lowering of water levels for flood mitigation purposes.

While the lake was originally constructed as a reservoir for drinking water, the Houston region has become increasingly prone to flooding due to population growth, development and more frequent storms with record rainfall. Both the City of Houston and the State of Texas recognize that flood control must be a consideration. The proactive release water is an effective measure until more permanent solutions can be completed.

The City of Houston looks forward to continuing this cooperative agreement with the SJRA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sylvester Turner".

Sylvester Turner
Mayor