The Honorable Greg Abbott Governor, State of Texas 1100 San Jacinto Boulevard Austin, Texas

Dear Governor Abbott,

As local officials of jurisdictions affected by Hurricane Harvey in 2017, the budgets of our jurisdictions have been stretched engaging in direct response and recovery over the past fiscal year. However, if our efforts for recovery do not include disaster mitigation, then the money we have spent is just funding for future failure.

The FEMA 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program can assist us with those mitigation efforts, but there is a local match required. We write today to ask the State of Texas to utilize the Economic Stabilization Fund or other state funding source to participate fully, at 100 percent, in covering the local match.

Under the present declaration, FEMA will fund up to 75 percent of the cost of eligible mitigation measures taken by local governments. By providing for the remaining match, the State of Texas will be directly contributing to flood mitigation efforts.

Funding of the local share would allow the State of Texas to directly contribute to flood mitigation projects. By covering the local share, not only would the state directly save local taxpayer dollars, but would equitably fund projects across the impacted area.

The states of Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Virginia, Georgia and Colorado have provided for local matches in situations utilizing HMGP. We ask that the State of Texas make a similar effort in joining local jurisdictions as a partner in flood mitigation.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Tim Lapham Austin County Judge

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The Honorable Paul Pape Bastrop County Judge

The Honorable Stephanie Moreno Bee County Judge

The Honorable L.M. "Matt" Sebesta, Jr.

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The Honorable Robert E. Hebert Fort Bend County Judge

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The Honorable David Bird Gonzales County Judge

The Honorable Wayne McDaniel Hardin County Judge

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The Honorable Mark Allen Jasper County Judge

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