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The Honorable Dade Phelan
P.O. Box 2910
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Re: Lake Houston Spillway Dam Improvement Project

Dear Speaker Phelan,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the North Houston Association (NHA) I'm asking for your continued support of the Lake Houston Spillway Dam Improvement Project, which is being considered as part of Senate Bill 1, Article XL.

NHA is a regional Association that focuses on infrastructure issues in north Harris County and Montgomery County, with a membership comprised of 150 businesses. Our members are the area's top firms in the following industries: civil and environmental engineering, developers, law firms, financial institutions, and architects. NHA utilizes the expertise of our members to collaborate with agencies, electeds and the community to find solutions for quality regional development.

The Dam Improvement Project is essential and complex. The City of Houston has already secured \$48 million in federal dollars and committed a local match of \$30 million. This project is simply too large for the community to shoulder alone, which is why state dollars are imperative. The addition of flood control gates will allow the city to move water out of the reservoir quickly and safely when weather events dictate. The project will allow both Lake Conroe and Lake Houston to work in tandem to respond to critical situations.

Thank you for your previous support to find flood solutions for our region, and we appreciate your consideration of this request to provide resources that will make the Lake Houston Spillway Dam Improvement Project a reality.

Best regards,

Marlisa Briggs
President