



April 6, 2023

The Honorable Dade Phelan  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78768

Re: Lake Houston Dam Improvement Project Funding

Dear Speaker Phelan:

In the years since the devastation wrought by Hurricane Harvey upon our community, Harris County has worked tirelessly with our community and government partners to mitigate the risk of another devastating flood.

The Lake Houston Dam Spillway Improvement Project is vitally important to our residents and businesses who cannot endure another destructive flood event. This project would provide immense protection to the residents of northeast Harris County, including The City of Humble and Houston. This project would help to mitigate flooding in one of the areas that sees frequent flooding. Additionally, a number of watersheds drain into Lake Houston, meaning this project not only impacts residents near Lake Houston, but also helps reduce the pressure put on the entire flood control system upstream.

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,

Tom S. Ramsey, P.E.  
Harris County Commissioner  
Precinct Three