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For HB 5341

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Following Hurricane Harvey a diligent effort was made to dredge the Lake Houston drainage area. This was necessary because dredging had been ignored for years, allowing dangerous buildup of sediment, debris, sand and gravel which exacerbated tremendously the flooding during the hurricane. Many areas of the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston were too shallow to absorb the flood waters due to the neglect of proper dredging maintenance.

This bill is necessary both from a water conservation standpoint and from a public safety perspective. Regular dredging will enhance the amount of water available for millions of Houstonians and at the same time protect upstream inhabitants from unnecessary flooding.

Since any dredging will be performed with the approval of the City of Houston Public Works, the dredging operations will not negatively affect the quality of water in Lake Houston, nor the quality of the water going into the purification Plant.

Therefore, I would strongly encourage this Committee to approve and forward HB 5341.

Thank you for your consideration.

Melissa Rowell, Honorable

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Houston, TX

With all due respect, I am opposed to this bill. We don't need any more committees, boards, programs, commissions, consortiums or districts. The board members are to be made up from members from commissioner's court and Houston city council? So much money is wasted and mismanaged by commissioner's court and the city of Houston, that it is sickening. It really is. The city can't fix any of their failing infrastructure and wastes 20% or more water daily. Homeowners in the city pay an outrageous price for water as it is. So, they don't need to be responsible for one more thing. And we don't need a "district" for this.