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The Honorable Barack Obama
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to express support for Governor Abbott's request for a major disaster declaration on behalf of Texas counties impacted by severe storms and flooding beginning on May 26th, 2016. These storms caused widespread flooding and damage to numerous areas including many impacted by the Tax Day floods just over one month ago. Governor Abbott has declared a state of disaster for 46 Texas counties as result of these most recent storms.

Texas has experienced six major disasters over the past 13 months, including three major flood events this year. These most recent storms occurred just as many of our local communities and residents were beginning the recovery process from the Tax Day floods. Residents, emergency responders, local governments and volunteer agencies have shown tremendous fortitude in their response; however, the seemingly continual storms and flooding have taken their toll. The continued response and long term recovery from this round of storms will require federal assistance.

As a result, the Governor has requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Austin, Brazoria, Brazos, Fort Bend, Grimes, Hidalgo, Hood, Montgomery, San Jacinto, Travis, Waller, and Washington counties. The request is for Individual Assistance, Public Assistance (Categories A and B including Direct Federal Assistance) and Hazard Mitigation Statewide.

We respectfully request your quick consideration and approval of the Governor's initial request and any subsequent requests related to this disaster.

Sincerely,



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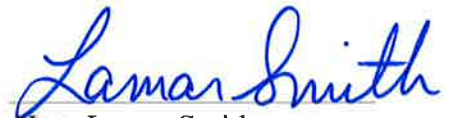
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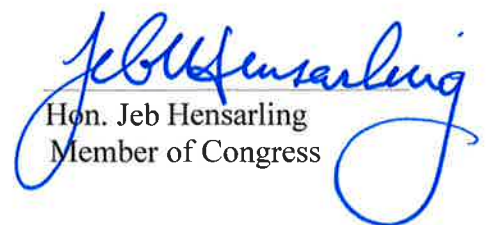
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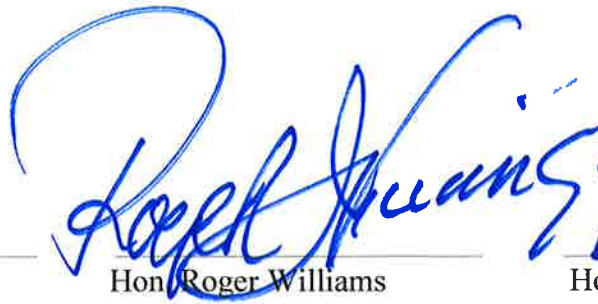
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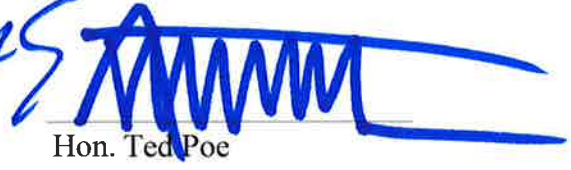
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