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To: Texans for Responsible Aggregate Mining (TRAM) Executive Committee

Texas is experiencing a period of significant growth, resulting in increased demand for aggregate materials for roads, building construction, energy production, and other commercial activities. This growth has resulted in a rapid expansion of aggregate production operations (APOs) within the state and concentrated this production in a few areas.

Currently, APOs in Texas are not required to adopt best management practices (BMPs) that are required in other states, therefore the majority of operators do not use these practices in Texas. As a result, the expanding APO industry is having an increasingly negative impact on the health, safety, property rights, property values, natural resources, and long-term quality-of-life in neighboring communities. The current regulatory framework only addresses a narrow set of operating practices, leaving many of the impacts to third parties unaddressed.

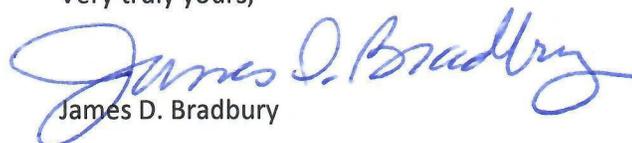
I understand that Texans for Responsible Aggregate Mining (TRAM) is comprised of member groups from across the state. TRAM aims to work with lawmakers, state agencies, and good-faith industry operators to create state standards for BMPs in the APO industry and to adopt those standards into law.

I have been involved in several matters where I have seen firsthand the absence of best management practices and am pleased to see TRAM addressing the following Seven Key Issues:

1. Air particulate emissions
2. Water use and availability
3. Surface and ground water contamination and flooding
4. Rapid development of APOs without adequate regulatory oversight
5. Truck traffic (emissions, road safety and maintenance)
6. Nuisance issues (blasting, noise, odor, light trespass, visible blight)
7. Economic impacts

I support TRAM's pursuit of such laws through thoughtful collaboration with policy makers and industry, for the benefit of all Texans. I am confident that these enhancements can be enacted without negatively impacting the role that the aggregate industry plays in Texas.

Very truly yours,


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