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Texans for Responsible Aggregate Mining

Re: Key Issue #4: Rapid Development of APOs without adequate regulatory oversight

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Partnership Lake Houston, I would like to state our support of Texans for Responsible Aggregate Mining's (TRAM) Key Issue #4 which addresses the rapid expansion of aggregate production operations (APO) without adequate regulatory oversight.

The Lake Houston Area is home to more than 280,000 people and 7,500 businesses. We are located in the northeast quadrant of Harris County and comprised of the City of Humble, the City of Houston (Kingwood), Atascocita, Summerwood and Fall Creek. Our area was hit particularly hard by flooding from Hurricane Harvey with the SBA identifying more than 16,600 homes and 3,300 businesses damaged by the floods. Since then, our community has been working tirelessly to identify projects and initiatives to recover and build a more resilient community.

While there are many factors that contribute to making our community more resilient against future flooding, we feel responsible regulatory oversight of APOs is a significant step to help mitigate future risk. Currently, APOs in Texas are not required to adopt best management practices (BMPs) that are required in other states, so the majority of operators do not use these practices in Texas. We recognize sand travelling downstream will remain a factor in our area's susceptibility for future flooding and feel establishing more robust regulatory oversight for APOs, could help prevent future floods.

Sincerely,



Jenna Armstrong
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