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The Honorable Pete R. Olson Member, U.S. House of Representatives Cannon House Office Building 514 Washington, D.C. 20515

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We truly appreciate your support for this project and we appreciate the strong partnership between the Corps of Engineers, the Harris County Flood Control District, Galveston County and Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District. Thank you so much for your caring and understanding for our community's needs.

Sincerely,

Harold Whitaker, Board President

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