



March 16, 2009

The Honorable Pete Olson
U.S. House of Representatives
514 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: FY 2010 Request for the Clear Creek Federal Flood Damage Reduction Project

Dear Congressman Olson:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Harris County to request your support for funding the Clear Creek Federal Flood Damage Reduction Project (project). The funds requested are vitally important for construction of a flood damage reduction project along Clear Creek. Flood damage reduction is in the national interest by reducing loss of life, injury and property destruction. Federal support is necessary because of the large costs associated with completion of the project.

The project is currently in the General Reevaluation study phase and funding is needed to continue the study towards successful completion. The project consists of 15.1 miles of widening and deepening of Clear Creek from Dixie Farm Road to State Highway 288, 2.4 miles of widening and deepening of Turkey Creek, 0.8 miles of widening and deepening of Mud Gully and 2.1 miles of widening and deepening of Mary's Creek. The project also includes storm water storage facilities with a total combined capacity of three Reliant Astrodomes of storm water storage. The project will greatly reduce flood risks and will remove the 1% floodplain from over 2,000 structures.

We truly appreciate your support for this project and thank you so much for your caring and understanding for our community's needs.

Sincerely,

Ed Emmett
County Judge

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