

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 24, 2019

Peter T. Gaynor
Acting Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA)
500 C St., SW
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Acting Administrator Gaynor,

Thank you for your continued efforts to help the greater Houston area recover from multiple recent disaster events. Our constituents continue to rebuild and restore a resilient Houston with help from federal partners like FEMA. Assistance from FEMA, such as dredging segments of the West Fork of the San Jacinto River, has already helped prevent further flooding in parts of northeast Houston, but the work is far from over.

Despite the completion of FEMA's mission assignment to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for debris removal and dredging, sedimentation resulting from Hurricane Harvey remains in the area around the confluence of the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston (mouth-bar). Additional dredging is needed to remove the remaining Hurricane Harvey debris and return it to pre-event conditions.

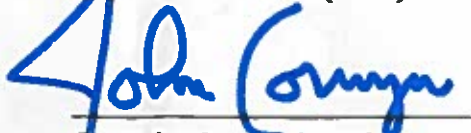
The City of Houston recently filed a Project Worksheet (PW) for debris removal as Category A work under the Public Assistance program. We urge you to use any and all necessary FEMA resources to expeditiously review and approve the city's PW. Delay will only increase costs and prevent FEMA from fully leveraging presently available dredging assets.

Please let us know if you need additional information.

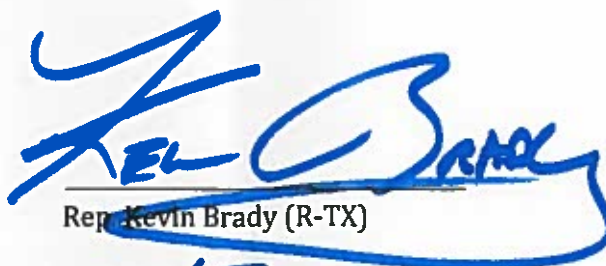
Sincerely,



Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX)



Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)



Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX)



Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)

CC: Tony Robinson, FEMA Administrator Region VI