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The Honorable Laura Miller
Honorable Members of the Dallas City Council

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

We are writing to inform you of our concerns regarding the proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir. We understand that the Dallas City Council may be considering funding a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study of the proposed reservoir. As you would expect, many people we represent in Northeast Texas are concerned because this project would take property from people who have owned land for generations, cause harm to our local ecology, and likely result in the loss of jobs.

We are strong believers in individual property rights and the thought of numerous families whom have owned property for generations losing their land troubles us. In addition, the timber industry will be impacted by the loss of available hardwood from land taken out of production.

Those of us in Northeast Texas are not unsympathetic to the ever growing needs of the Dallas Metroplex. There are many ways the people of Northeast Texas can help. We have several large aquifers and existing reservoirs which could be used for expanding water needs. We would be glad to work with the City of Dallas in exploring these options. In this way, we could build a partnership which will be beneficial to us all. Thank you for considering our concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we may assist you.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kevin P. Eltife in black ink.

Kevin P. Eltife
State Senator

Handwritten signature of Mark Homer in black ink.

Mark Homer
State Representative

Handwritten signature of Stephen J. Frost in black ink.

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