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The Honorable Laura Miller
Mayor, City of Dallas
Dallas City Hall
1500 Marilla
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Dear Mayor Miller:

It has come to my attention that The Dallas City Council is preparing to update Dallas' 50-year water plan. I commend you for your thoughtful evaluation of all possible sources.

I am writing to inform you of my concerns regarding the Long Range Water Supply Plan that includes the construction of new reservoirs. I understand your interest to ensuring The City of Dallas has a future water supply, and I encourage you to consider a water management strategy that utilizes existing water sources. It is my understanding that the Region C Water Planning Group is considering a wide variety of options that would utilize developed water sources. The Long Range Plan calls for a study of 1.5 million acre-feet per year of water from existing sources throughout the state, which would service the demands of your region. I believe it is in the State's best interest to take advantage of existing sources and new reservoirs should only be considered when these sources are not available.

I am very sympathetic to the needs of the Dallas area, and I urge that you consider to a Long Range Plan that maximizes strategies of existing water sources before the harmful construction of new reservoirs. I thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Hamilton".

Mike Hamilton
State Representative