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CHUCK HOPSON
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 11

March 7, 2005

The Honorable Laura Miller
Mayor, City of Dallas
1500 Marilla
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Mayor Miller:

It has come to our attention that on March 9, 2005 the Dallas City Council will be voting on its Long Range Water Supply Plan. Several proposed reservoirs have been brought to my attention as potentials to help fill those water needs for the greater Dallas area. I would like to voice some reservation and concern about two proposed projects including Marvin Nichols and Fastrill Reservoirs, which would be located in Northeast Texas.

I know that many of my constituents share my same concerns regarding the affect of these proposed reservoirs. They constantly fear the loss of their private property due to the water needs of our metropolitan areas. Along with other State Representatives and Senators, I believe it is my duty to make sure we approach projects such as these in a careful and methodical way, giving much consideration to the ultimate impact on our land owners that are affected most.

Like my colleges, I am concerned that you are considering a plan and related studies that include new reservoirs while existing resources available to you appear to be far from fully utilized. I would ask that while the Dallas Metroplex is trying to fulfill the needs of its growing populations, they also show the utmost level of concern for the needs and rights of their fellow Texans in rural East Texas.

I believe it is necessary that if Texans are to lose land and resources which they have depended on for several generations, they are fully shown that the measures taken are necessary and will cause the smallest amount of disruption possible within our communities. Availing ourselves of the water resources from existing reservoirs and implementing increased conservation and water recycling avoids the impacts that accrue when pursuing new reservoir projects.

Finally, I would kindly ask that the City of Dallas take all necessary steps to guarantee that projects such as these reservoirs are approached in a slow and prudent manner. I urge you to first meet your needs by utilizing existing developed water resources rather than considering new reservoirs. Thank you for allowing me to share my concerns, and if I may be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chuck Hopson".

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