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

Dear Mayor Miller:

As the City of Dallas evaluates its Long Range Water Supply Plan, I understand that options like the proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir are being considered to provide additional water to your citizens. I write to respectfully request that the city take a long look at all of its options before it looks to construction of new reservoirs in rural Northeast Texas.

From a fundamental standpoint, I believe it is important that we consider individual property rights when evaluating any water policy. More specifically, many of the people I represent are concerned that construction of a reservoir in Northeast Texas would take land away from families who have owned it for generations. In addition, the timber industry in our part of Texas could be seriously affected by the loss of available hardwood. Many families I represent depend on those timber jobs for their livelihood.

As the City of Dallas considers its options to provide for its citizens' water needs, I ask that you thoughtfully consider all of the options available to it.

I know that you have a difficult task as you determine the best course for the City of Dallas. Thank you for your service, and thank you for considering my thoughts as you deliberate these issues. If I can be of any help to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bryan Hughes".

Bryan Hughes

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