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Ms. LaDonna Castanuela
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Dear Ms. Castanuela:

After meeting with Brad Boyer, President of LoneStar Prestress I have made some changes to my previous letter. I have enclosed a copy of the official letter for submission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Culberson".

John Culberson
Member of Congress

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October 4, 2007

Ms. LaDonna Castanuela
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Dear Ms. Castanuela:

Please consider this letter official notification of my strong objection to the Lonestar Prestress MRG., Inc. Concrete Batch Plant at 9316 Reid Lake, Houston, Texas.

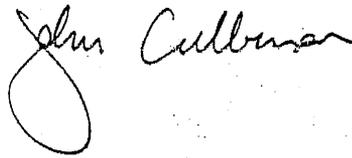
Please allow me to explain:

1. This area is at high risk for flooding, with some residents in the area having been flooded at least two times in the last decade. The White Oak Bayou watershed does not have much capacity to handle additional runoff.
2. The residents in and around the current plant operation have expressed concerns over noise coming from the Lonestar Prestress operation. Concrete and dump trucks coming to and from the plant create noise disruption.
3. The air quality can be compromised by the dust emitted from the plant. The dust particles from the concrete contaminate homes, trees, and the current lake within the Reid Estates which is home to fish and other wildlife. Any residents who currently experience asthma or trouble breathing are negatively impacted by the air borne dust particles.
4. Fairbanks- North Houston serves as the main thoroughfare from the State Highway 290 to the Reid Lake plant. This road is already heavily congested.

The local community is overwhelmingly and deeply opposed to this development. Residents have gathered signatures and submitted their petition to my office. I know that the impact of a development is a major component of the TCEQ's deliberations. The members of the community have taken a vocal and active role in outlining the negative impact this has on the quality of life these individuals and families currently enjoy.

Thank you for your attention to the concerns of local residents, and I strongly urge TCEQ's rejection of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Culberson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John Culberson
Member of Congress

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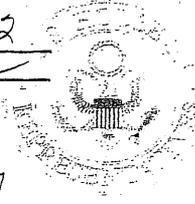
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September 18, 2007

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CHIEF CLERKS OFFICE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Dear Ms. Castanuela:

Please consider this letter notification of my strong objection to the proposed Lonestar Prestress MRG., Inc. Concrete Batch Plant, to be constructed at 9316 Reid Lake, Houston, Texas.

Please allow me to explain:

1. This area is at high risk for flooding, with some residents in the area having been flooded at least two times in the last decade. The White Oak Bayou watershed does not have much, if any, additional spare capacity to handle additional runoff. Even with retention ponds, the conversion of large amounts of green space would worsen the flood situation in the area.
2. The residents in and around the current plant operation have expressed concerns over noise coming from the current Lonestar Prestress operation. An expansion of this operation, as well as concrete and dump trucks coming to and from the plant, will only escalate the current noise disruption. This area is highly residential and the homeowners should not be subjected to further noise disruptions from the plant.
3. The air quality could be compromised by the dust emitted from the plant. The dust particles from the concrete would contaminate homes, trees, and the current lake within the Reid Estates which is home to fish and other wildlife. Any residents who currently experience asthma or trouble breathing would be negatively impacted by the air borne dust particles.
4. Fairbanks- North Houston would serve as the main thoroughfare from the State Highway 290 to the Reid Lake plant. This road is already heavily congested. Further development and additional trucks on the road will worsen this problem. This will convert residential streets into busy thoroughfares for large volumes of

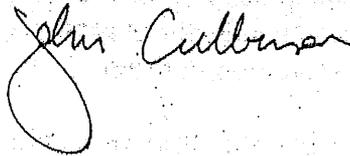
traffic, posing a danger to neighborhood children while decreasing property values and increasing noise levels.

I recognize the need for new concrete batch plants in Harris County. However, these plants exist to provide goods and services in and throughout the entire county, and should not be placed in the middle of residential areas.

The local community is overwhelmingly and deeply opposed to this development. Residents have gathered signatures and submitted their petition to my office. I know that the impact of a development is a major component of the TCEQ's deliberations. This expansion would have a tremendous negative impact on the community, and the members of the community have taken a vocal and active role in outlining the negative impact this would have on the quality of life these individuals and families currently enjoy.

Thank you for your attention to the concerns of local residents, and I strongly urge TCEQ's rejection of this application.

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