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April 12, 2021

The Honorable Judith Zaffirini
Texas Senate
P.O. Box 12068
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Re: Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County / WRPERM 13630

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