

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 28, 2018

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
State Insurance Building
1100 San Jacinto
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Governor Abbott:

Three years ago, 23 members of our Texas Congressional Delegation wrote a letter encouraging you to take rigorous action to protect Texas' electric grid. We believe the events in the intervening period only reinforce our strong recommendation that action *must* be taken with utmost urgency at the state level.

We take heart from the convergence of three important developments: 1) the recent passage of Senate Bill 83, relating to protection of energy critical infrastructure from electromagnetic, geomagnetic, physical, and cyber-attack threats, and Senate Concurrent Resolution 55, calling for an interim study of the security of the Texas grid and recommendations for protecting it against electromagnetic pulse, geomagnetic disturbances and physical and cyberattacks; 2) the Defense Department's newly established Electromagnetic Defense Task Force (EDTF) headquartered at Randolph AFB and its pioneering "Project Spartacus"; and 3) the recognition by the U.S. Department of Energy, under former Texas Governor Rick Perry's leadership, of the growing EMP/GMD threat. These developments will help Texas lead by example by creating workable solutions to protect the electric grid from *all hazards*, and to plan for its reconstitution in the event of an attack or natural disaster.

We hope you will use the study and work expeditiously with the EDTF and Secretary Perry to explore and adopt practical steps that could begin hardening one or more Texas cities against such threats, with a view to creating a pilot program that could be rapidly adapted to protect the rest of our state's grid.

Please know you have the full support of each of our offices to help you in securing the Texas electric grid. We look forward to the day when, thanks to your leadership, the people of our state will be protected from the catastrophe of a long-duration grid-down situation.

The immediate economic value of ensuring a resilient and reliable Texas energy infrastructure would be an immeasurable attraction to businesses and families seeking to work and live in a more secure environment. Texas leadership will set an example for others to follow, and our secure electric grid will be a boon to the nation.

Enclosures.

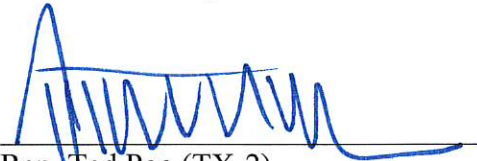
Sincerely,



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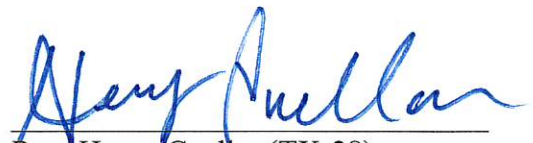
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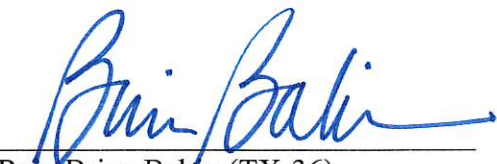
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