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Houston City Council Member
At-Large, Position 5

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The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Abbott:

I am writing to you today to respectfully request that you have the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Commissioners grant a Motion to Overturn Standard Air Quality Permit 173296 given to Texas Coastal Materials. I am representing the City of Houston, At-Large 5.

This permit would allow Texas Coastal Materials to build a concrete and rock crusher across the street from LBJ Hospital (LBJ), a public hospital, a Level 3 trauma and emergency center and one of the busiest hospitals in the state. Harris County residents that use this hospital are not just seeking emergency medical care. They are seeking care for all types of injuries and illnesses. This can include health problems caused to the lungs by the very type of particulate matter that this rock crusher would create. A crusher this close to LBJ would threaten the health of the staff and patients at the hospital. State law prohibits a crusher from being located within 440 yards of a school or place of worship. LBJ is within 440 yards of the proposed crusher and contains both a school and working chapel that holds regular services.

On December 7, 2023, TCEQ held an informational meeting where a broad coalition led by UTHealth, the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Harris Health, elected officials and community leaders and organizations expressed their opposition to the crusher. On January 11, the Executive Director of TCEQ approved the permit but did not address the issue of the school and church inside LBJ being less than 440 yards from the proposed crusher.

Nearly three-quarters of Harris County voters just approved a \$2.5 billion bond to fund a new Level 1 trauma center at LBJ, as well as updating and expanding the hospital. The voters have shown their strong commitment to LBJ, and we cannot let this crusher threaten that community investment. Again, please direct the TCEQ Commissioners to grant the Motion to Overturn the executive director's decision so that the permit can be reconsidered. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sallie Alcorn".

Council Member Sallie Alcorn