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Honorable Lyle Larson, Chairman
House Natural Resources Committee

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Re: HB 726 and HB 1066

Sent via email to sabrina@stbrown.com for distribution

Dear Chairman Larson,

Thank you for your timely attention to this letter. I have been instructed by our Board officers to write to you in reference to the above mentioned bills which are soon to come before your committee for hearings. Our Board very much appreciates the efforts by you and your staff, as well as the efforts of Rep. Ashby and his staff, in considering the many factors which were and are before each of you as you considered crafting and moving this legislation forward.

Specifically, the District would like to address the parts of these bills which affect the term of a permit to export groundwater out of a groundwater conservation district. While we do appreciate your efforts to match up the term of an export permit with the term of the production permit which supplies that water, we believe it is important to the success of the mission of our District to continue to be able to manage the groundwater resources in Milam and Burleson Counties according to current statute. As we have no way of predicting the future, it is believed that maintaining this separation of permits will prove to be a useful tool in the ability of the District to fulfill its mission of preservation of the groundwater resources of the District. Simply put, the District would prefer this part of Section 36, Texas Water Code, to remain unchanged.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gary Westbrook
General Manager
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cc: Honorable Trent Ashby, Member