



October 29, 2020

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

Dear Governor Abbott,

As the County Judges from the five largest counties in Texas, we are your partners in responding to this public health emergency. As locally elected leaders of counties, we are in the best position to decide how to provide appropriate services for the people who live in our communities

Texas Government Code Chapter 418 gives the county judge the power to declare a local disaster within the county under certain circumstances. In addressing a pandemic, one size does not fit all across the great state of Texas. We support El Paso County Judge Samaniego's data driven decision to reinstate a Stay at Home Order. Without this decision, the need for hospital care is or will soon outstrip El Paso's supply of hospital capacity and personnel.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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**NELSON W. WOLFF**  
Bexar County Judge

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**CLAY LEWIS JENKINS**  
Dallas County Judge

A stylized, cursive handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lina Hidalgo'.

**LINA HIDALGO**

Harris County Judge

A cursive handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Glen Whitley'.

**B. GLEN WHITLEY**

Tarrant County Judge

A cursive handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Samuel T. Biscoe'.

**SAMUEL T. BISCOE**

Travis County Judge