

Texas House of Representatives Dan Huberty

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Bob Harvey President and Chief Executive Office Greater Houston Partnership 701 Avenida De Las Americas #900 Houston, TX 77010

Dear Bob,

I am writing to ask you to lead the development of a Flood Intelligence System for the Greater Houston Area.

Artificial intelligence, IoT, and remote-sensing technologies are advancing. The business community has unique knowledge and access to these leading-edge technologies. The business community also has unique abilities in helping bring together various private sector and diverse governmental interests around technological innovation—especially where time is of the essence.

Attached is a proposal that was recently presented to me by Steve Reeves and Jed Anderson. Google and other AI-based companies have similar flood applications in development or deployed in other parts of the world (see https://www.blog.google/products/search/helping-keep-people-safe-ai-enabled-flood-forecasting/).

Thank you for your review and consideration.

Sincerely,

Representative Dan Huberty

cc: Chase Kronzer, Director, Public Policy, Greater Houston Partnership

Attachment

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