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Eliza Paul
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Texas Department of Transportation/Houston District
7600 Washington Avenue
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Dear Ms. Paul:

As the Mayor of the City of Pearland, I am writing to express my unwavering support for the TxDOT 225 Redevelopment plan. The necessity to increase freight capacity and connectivity to the corridor is imperative to the growth of our region.

- Freight movement in the region continues to grow as petrochemical industry production expands and imports rise year over year. This is undeniably demonstrated by the 100% increase in containers through Port Houston from 2016 to 2022 – growing from 2 million TEU's to nearly 4 million TEU's.

Additionally, Houston Ship Channel-related businesses generate more than \$439 billion in statewide economic value according to a 2022 economic impact study by Martin Associates.

- **If freight capacity on our roadways is not expanded and regional growth is stifled due to congestion, we put at risk an additional \$200 billion in new economic value by 2032.**

I strongly support Alternative #5 for the "Adds Elevated Managed Lanes" of the proposed alternatives for redevelopment. This will create the capacity to meet growth and successfully address the Safety, Multimodal, Evacuation and Infrastructure needs of our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Kevin Cole".

J. Kevin Cole
Mayor