



November 22, 2016

The Honorable John Culberson  
2372 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-4307

Dear Congressman Culberson,

The Harris County Flood Control District applauds and strongly supports your efforts to restore the ability of Members of Congress to direct funding to projects and programs they deem important to their constituents. Before congressionally directed line item requests for funding through the appropriations process were prohibited, the process for making those requests was as open and transparent as ever before thanks to the information available through the Websites of Members of Congress and the Websites of congressional committees and subcommittees.

Since the ban of such congressionally directed funding for line items, the Harris County Flood Control District has had to rely on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Work Plan each fiscal year for funding for our project on Brays Bayou and that has been successful. However, without including the will of Congress in our project requests, we have not been successful in getting a funding stream for our White Oak Bayou nor our Hunting Bayou projects and we are forced to move slowly on those much needed projects until such time as our Federal partners are able to fully engage and provide funding.

Please accept our most sincere appreciation for your leadership in developing a method to handle directed congressional spending to targeted Federal, State and local governments in a way that gives constituents confidence that their hard-earned tax dollars are being spent wisely and effectively.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell A. Poppe". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Russell A. Poppe, P.E.  
Executive Director

RAP:to

cc: Jack Peterson