

Dear Senator Hegar,

I live in Jackson County and am very concerned about our county's future. The LNRA has the power to make some decisions that can positively or negatively affect the lives of the people who live and work in the county. They are not being responsive to our concerns and we need your help.

These are the issues I am deeply concerned about:

- ✓ I don't want or need another dam like the one we already have.
- ✓ We were taxed before on Stage I and will be taxed again on Stage II.
- ✓ We need more tax relief not more taxes.
- ✓ Where the water goes, the job goes. The water needs to stay in Jackson County and let the industries come to us.
- ✓ Damming the last remaining free river in Texas is simply the wrong thing to do when there are other choices.
- ✓ I do not believe in taking people's land just to help some private or public company in another county have more water to increase their own tax base.
- ✓ If the Lavaca River is dammed, eminent domain will be used to take the land. LNRA has already taken 17,000 acres and doesn't need more.
- ✓ As it stands, only LNRA will benefit from having a second dam. They will be able to hire more people and pay more to upper level management while Jackson County will continue to be one of the highest tax paying counties in the state.
- ✓ The estuaries are already in danger, especially since the BP oil spill. Cutting off the fresh water flow just doesn't make sense.

Personal Note

~~Jaking had earned family land away from families that built it for financial gain. Angers me to the core. The facility that we have now is useless, we don't need another!~~

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