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**The Honorable** \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject:** Initiate a Texas Water Plan Feasibility Study to Replace Bexar Medina Atascosa Water Improvement & Control (BMA) District's Canal System at Medina Lake.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am a concerned citizen of \_\_\_\_\_ county. I am writing to request that the Texas Water Development Board consider launching a FEASIBILITY STUDY as part of the Texas Water Plan to replace BMA's CANAL. Such a study is critical to our communities in Bexar, Medina, Atascosa, Bandera counties as well as our state of Texas. Replacing this system aligns perfectly with the Texas Water Plan's mission to address water needs through sustainable management practices and improved infrastructure.

I understand that you have many competing priorities, but I believe this issue deserves your attention because as we all know, WATER IS A CRITICAL RESOURCE which Texas can no longer waste. BMA's use of their canal system is the very definition of WASTE where 75% - 80% of the water released from Medina Lake is wasted in its delivery down 312 miles of mostly dirt ditches before reaching the landowners who request water in their district.

Because of this waste, no water has been delivered from Medina Lake for irrigation during the current drought since it was drained dry in 2022. The same thing happened during the 2009–2015 drought, when the lake was drained, as well. Meanwhile, wells around the lake have been negatively impacted with many going dry and economic activity around the lake has been greatly reduced.

There must be a better solution! Which is why this Feasibility Study is critically needed.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our community. Thanks in advance for your consideration of this matter. I would be happy to provide additional information or discuss this matter further, if needed.

Sincerely,