



December 21, 2020

The Honorable L.M. (Matt) Sebesta, Jr.
Brazoria County Judge
111 E. Locust Street, Suite 102A
Angleton, Texas 77515

Via electronic mail to Matts@brazoria-county.com

Dear Judge Sebesta:

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John Hellerstedt, MD

cc: Mayors of Brazoria County



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The Honorable Jimmy Sylvia
Chambers County Judge
P.O. Box 939
Anahuac, Texas 77514

Via electronic mail to jsylvia@chamberstx.gov

Dear Judge Sylvia:

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cc: Mayors of Chambers County



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The Honorable Mark Henry
Galveston County Judge
722 Moody Avenue, Suite 200
Galveston, Texas 77550

Via electronic mail to mark.henry@co.galveston.tx.us

Dear Judge Henry:

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cc: Mayors of Galveston County



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The Honorable Wayne McDaniel
Hardin County Judge
300 West Monroe Street
Kountze, Texas 77625

Via electronic mail to wayne.mcdaniel@co.hardin.tx.us

Dear Judge McDaniel:

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cc: Mayors of Hardin County



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The Honorable Mark Allen
Jasper County Judge
124 North Austin, Room 1066
Jasper, Texas 75951

Via electronic mail to mark.allen@co.jasper.tx.us

Dear Judge Allen:

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The Honorable Jeff Branick
Jefferson County Judge
1149 Pearl Street, 4th Floor
Beaumont, Texas 77701

Via electronic mail to jbranick@co.jefferson.tx.us

Dear Judge Branick:

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cc: Mayors of Jefferson County



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The Honorable Jay Knight
Liberty County Judge
1923 Sam Houston Street
Liberty, Texas 77575

Via electronic mail to jay.knight@co.liberty.tx.us

Dear Judge Knight:

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cc: Mayors of Liberty County



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The Honorable Kenneth Weeks
Newton County Judge
110 Court Street, Room 125
Newton, Texas 75966

Via electronic mail to newtoncountyjudge@co.newton.tx.us

Dear Judge Weeks:

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cc: Mayors of Newton County



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The Honorable John H Gothia
Orange County Judge
123 South 6th Street
Orange, Texas 77630

Via electronic mail to jgothia@co.orange.tx.us

Dear Judge Gothia:

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