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To Whom it May Concern:

The Texada Island Chamber of Commerce supports the Gillies Bay Improvement District's Federal Gas Tax grant application for the purpose of upgrading the water treatment system, expanding the water infrastructure to Shelter Point, and creating a bicycle/walk lane.

Upgrading our water system infrastructure is vitally important for the health of Gillies Bay. Businesses, community organizations, residents, and tourists should have access to water that is sanitary and safe. Upgrades are needed to fully comply with requirements identified in the Drinking Water Protection Act. Gillies Bay residents face many boil water advisories throughout the year. The residences in the Shelter Point area (within the Gillies Bay boundary) are on permanent boil water advisories. Overall, we urge you to understand that this is an urgent issue that needs prompt work.

Upgrading the water hydrant coverage is also vitally important for our Gillies Bay Fire Department services to sufficiently protect our businesses and residents. While the roadwork is being completed, we also endorse the proposal to install a bicycle/walking lane when the roadwork is being done to offer a safe alternative transportation option between Shelter Point Regional Park and the main commercial area of Gillies Bay.

We are appreciative that there is a grant available to assist GBID in completing these critical upgrades.

The Chamber of Commerce has full confidence that the Gillies Bay Improvement District can successfully manage all funds granted as well as the implementation of this project. Please consider approving this grant to the level requested. It would be greatly appreciated by Texadans and tourists.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Babyn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent, sweeping underline.

President

Texada Island Chamber of Commerce