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The Honorable John Cornyn
517 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Ted Cruz
404 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn and Senator Cruz:

This week, the U.S. Senate is expected to consider the Great American Outdoors Act, which would fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Since 1965, LWCF has provided critical funding that has expanded access to outdoor recreation in communities across the country. In early 2019, LWCF's received permanent reauthorization. The Great American Outdoors Act would ensure permanent full funding for LWCF and provide \$900 million in essential funding each year for projects that increase access to outdoor recreation opportunities. Since the program's existence, LWCF has only received full funding twice

Since the Land and Water Conservation Fund was established, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded \$10.4 million for numerous park projects which have been matched with over \$15 million in local funds.

In the last 10 years, LWCF projects include habitat restoration and access to nature at Robert C. Stuart Park, neighborhood revitalization and nature education at Shady Lane Park, improved safety and beautification at Busby Park and increased park access and connectivity in the Buffalo Bend – Hidalgo Greenway.

Because of the direct impact this legislation would have in increasing the quality of life for Houstonians, I urge you to support S. 3422, the Great American Outdoors Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sylvester Turner".

Sylvester Turner

Mayor