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The Honorable Phillip DeVillier Speaker of the House 900 North 3rd Street Baton Rouge, LA 70804 The Honorable Cameron Henry President of the Senate 900 North 3rd Street Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Speaker DeVillier and Senate President Henry:

Thank you for your continued support of the Louisiana National Guard and our efforts to abate the immigration crisis plaguing our nation. I have received a request from Governor Abbot and the Texas Military Department for the continued support of the Louisiana National Guard in Operation Lone Star.

As you know, the Legislature's allocation of \$3 million allowed the Louisiana National Guard to assist the state of Texas in protecting our Southern border. Through fiscal responsibility, the operation was completed with a remaining balance of \$800,000.

It is evident that the efforts of the Louisiana National Guard were constructive, as the Adjutant General of Texas has now submitted an additional request for the continued support of Louisiana to Operation Lone Star. Working with Texas, the Louisiana National Guard has developed a plan of sending engineers to Operation Lone Star, which would fulfill the request from the State of Texas with the remaining \$800,000 from the initial allocation.

I have worked with Brigadier General Friloux of the Louisiana National Guard and Director Jacques Thibodaux of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to ensure that this will not impair our ability to mobilize troops here at home if necessary.

Considering that no additional funds are being requested, I ask for your support of this operation. It is important that our border remains protected; therefore, we must assist our neighbors who are holding the line, despite a lack of support from the federal government.

Sincerely,

Jeff Landry Governor