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The Honorable Joseph R. "Joe" Straus, III  
Speaker  
Texas House of Representatives  
Room 2W.13  
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

As you know, the constitutional name for the Texas "Rainy Day" fund is the Economic Stabilization Fund. This is likely to cause major confusion among members of the legislature and the general public as we begin to appropriate and track the Federal stimulus funds.

I would suggest that we quickly agree on a term that will clearly distinguish these new Federal funds from our long-standing state Economic Stabilization Fund. For example, we might consider naming this temporary source of Federal money as Federal Recovery and Reinvestment Funds.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jim Dunnam", written over a circular stamp or mark.

Jim Dunnam, Chairman  
Select Committee on Federal Economic Stabilization Funding

CC: The Honorable David Dewhurst  
The Honorable Jim Pitts  
The Honorable Steve Ogden  
Members, Select Committee on Federal Economic  
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