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Mr. Zac Evans
Texas House Select Committee on Federal Economic Stabilization Funding
The Honorable Jim Dunnam, Chair
Texas House of Representatives
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78768-2910

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for meeting with me on March 19, 2009. I appreciated the opportunity to discuss the activities of the House Select Committee on Federal Economic Stabilization Funding, as well as some of the priorities of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler (UTHSCT).

As you know, in late February, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board requested each higher education institution to submit its "one project per campus priority." Therefore, UTHSCT submitted its "Renovation of the Central Plant Facility." It is classified as a Modernization, Renovation, and Repair project and is in the amount of \$7 million. The scope of work includes:

- Renovation of the central utility plant (4,063 GSF)
- Reconstruction of the boiler plant structure
- Installation of a 1000-ton chiller, cooling tower and related distribution lines and equipment
- Replacement of two boilers and upgrade of segments of the electrical distribution equipment.

This work will improve the energy efficiency of the central plant operations on our campus, increase the central plant chilled water and power capacity and remediate an existing code deficiency in the boiler plant structure. The project will improve safety and result in energy savings.

The Stimulus Project outlined above will not only address necessary upgrades/renovations to our current Central Utility Plant, but will also support the construction of our new UTHSCT Academic Center, a multi-functional building that will support key educational, research, and clinical activities at UTHSCT.

Thank you again for your attention to the priorities of UTHSCT. If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Ashley at 903/877-5739 (kimberly.ashley@uthct.edu).

Sincerely,

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President