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To Whom It May Concern:

The Harte Research Institute supports continued collaborative efforts to improve the ecological health and resiliency of Little Bay in Aransas County.

The proposed Restore Little Bay Foundation project seeks to address long-standing coastal resource concerns through habitat restoration, shoreline stabilization, and water quality improvement measures at the Tule Creek outfall area. The project's stated objectives are consistent with broader regional interests in protecting estuarine habitat, improving coastal resiliency, and supporting the long-term ecological and economic sustainability of the Texas coast.

Harte Research Institute personnel have participated in stakeholder discussions related to Little Bay restoration and coastal water quality issues. The project area has also been the subject of prior scientific and community-based assessment efforts focused on watershed conditions, recreational water quality, and habitat degradation following Hurricane Harvey.

We recognize the value of collaborative partnerships among local governments, nonprofits, engineers, scientists, and community stakeholders in advancing restoration planning and implementation efforts along the Texas coast.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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