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Colonel David Dake
District Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District
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Dear Colonel Dake,

I am pleased to offer my strong support for the Restore Little Bay Foundation and its efforts to secure federal funding for the restoration and long-term health of Little Bay in Rockport, Texas. Little Bay is an important natural, recreational, economic, and community resource for Rockport, Aransas County, and the Texas Coastal Bend. It serves residents, visitors, and businesses and is an important part of the character and identity of the Rockport community. Restoring and protecting this valuable coastal resource is an important investment in the environmental and economic future of the region.

The Restore Little Bay Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has developed a comprehensive, nature-based restoration initiative designed to improve the ecological health and resilience of Little Bay. The proposed project incorporates marsh grasses, oyster reefs, crab habitat, bird rookeries, and strategically placed islets to provide natural filtration, improve water quality, restore habitat, increase biodiversity, and strengthen the Bay's long-term environmental health.

The Foundation has pursued approximately $32 million in federal and other grant funding to implement this restoration initiative. I strongly support the Foundation's efforts to obtain federal grant funding for this project and respectfully encourage the appropriate federal agencies and grant programs to give its applications full and favorable consideration.

The restoration of Little Bay would provide significant environmental, recreational, educational, and economic benefits to the Rockport community, Aransas County, and the broader Texas Coastal Bend. I commend the Restore Little Bay Foundation for its initiative and commitment to restoring this important natural resource. Thank you for your consideration of the Restore Little Bay Foundation's grant applications and its efforts to restore Little Bay.

God Bless,



Michael Cloud
Member of Congress