



May 13, 2020

Governor Greg Abbott
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711-2428

Dear Governor Abbott,

The hard work and dedication of you and your task force has led to tremendous strides in reopening Texas and enabling Texans to provide for themselves and their families again. However, our work is not done. Thousands of people in the tourism industry are still out of work and unable to maintain their livelihoods. In addition, these businesses contribute millions to the Texas economy every year and many of areas of the state depend upon these industries.

Which is why we request your immediate support regarding reopening the following industries:

- Music and sport venues
- Zoos and aquariums
- Water and amusement parks
- Summer Camps

These organizations understand it will not be “business as usual” for a good while. But, many, if not all, of these businesses have already drawn up plans to reopen that adhere to the state’s and CDC’s recommendations. Industry experts are confident they can open safely and keep the health of their patrons the highest priority, please refer to the May 8th Texas Travel Alliance letter for clarification to these safety procedures. There is no reason to conclude that if cinemas and retail stores can accommodate these standards, these industries cannot do the same.

The tourism industry was amongst the hardest hit by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Reopening these businesses would provide work for thousands of Texans and start a return to normalcy.

Sincerely,

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Representative Matt Krause
Texas Legislative Tourism Caucus, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John P. Cyrier".

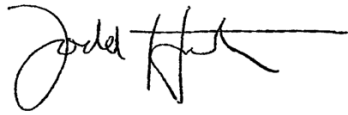
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House Committee on Culture, Recreation, and
Tourism



Senator Dawn Buckingham



Senator Larry Taylor



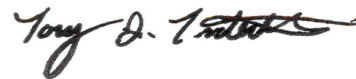
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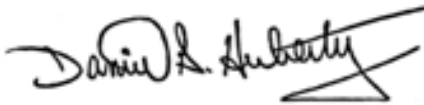
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