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October 31, 2007

Mr. Gary K. Trietsch, P.E.  
Houston District Engineer  
7721 Washington Ave.  
Houston, TX 77251-1386

Dear Mr. Trietsch:

We are again receiving numerous complaints about the long ferry lines, the lack of ferries, and the hours of waiting in line. The peninsula residents are virtually held captive, especially during the summer months, waiting to board. Only two ferries are in use although there are five available. We have talked with Mr. Mallini about this and his answer is always "we don't have enough employees to run more than two". It appears some of the issues began with staffing when the state went to contract employees.

I empathize with your situation, but this is causing major transportation issues for my constituents on the peninsula. Is there a solution to this problem that you can help the peninsula folks with? I agree that they need some relief.

Any consideration you could give this would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick F. Doyle".

Patrick F. Doyle  
County Commissioner  
Precinct One

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