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Dear Charles:

It has been a pleasure working with the Calhoun Port Authority for the past eight months to address the federal challenges facing the Port. I have worked especially hard raising awareness within Congress of the Port's U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issues. I have made significant progress with Republicans and Democrats alike and have set the groundwork for including a fix in upcoming legislation. As we have discussed on numerous occasions, I have also developed a two-prong strategy for a "ports only" fix and a "flood control and ports" fix and drafted legislative language to get the job done. I still believe this two-prong strategy is the best approach moving forward.

After a recent dinner with several friends who are Democrat members, I am more optimistic than ever that with Democrats in control of the House, and President Trump in the White House, transportation and infrastructure will be one of the few areas of bipartisan agreement. I also believe that a Democrat controlled House will be less concerned with the deficit and more likely to appropriate funds for infrastructure.

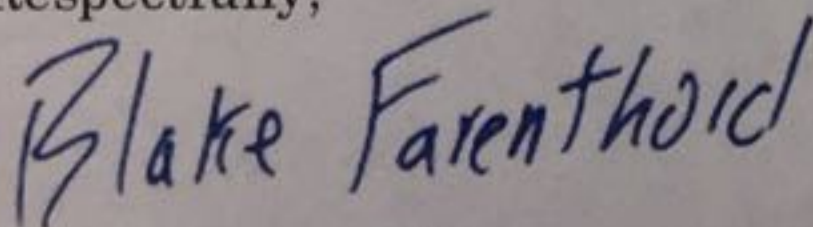
Historically, when drafting transportation legislation, priorities of both parties are included which results in these bills passing with an overwhelming majority. With the support of my former colleagues new and old, especially the Texas Republican delegation (which is the largest in Congress), and the support of key Democrats that I have successfully worked with, the stage is set for solving the Port's design deficiency issue.

When I accepted this position, which was offered to me, we all knew this would be a 2 – 2 ½ year process. While I would like to see my work on these issues come to a successful conclusion, being a full-time employee of the Port Authority prevents me from pursuing other interests and opportunities. Therefore, please accept this as my letter of resignation.

When it becomes legal and ethical for me to assist the Port as a non-employee, I look forward to continuing my work on the Port's behalf. In the meantime, good luck and thank you for the opportunity you provided me to continue my public service on behalf of the Port, Calhoun County, and the surrounding communities.

Please feel free to contact me on any transition issues.

Respectfully,



Blake Farenthold