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TEXAS STATE SENATOR
DISTRICT 25

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San Marcos Historic Preservation Commission
City of San Marcos
630 E. Hopkins
San Marcos, TX 78666

Dear Commissioners,

As a state senator, I believe we have an obligation to preserve our unique heritage and history, and I unequivocally support the preservation of Cape's Dam as a historic landmark. Many citizens have contacted my office to share their concerns about its conservation, recognizing the dam as a living piece of Hays County and Texas history. As you are aware, Cape's Dam was built in 1867 by William A. Thompson, Jr. and has served our community for over 150 years.

In addition, the mill race which was greatly augmented by the water held by the dam, has for many years benefitted countless wounded warriors from around the nation who are being treated at San Antonio Military Medical Center. As the Chair of our Senate Veteran Affairs and Border Security Committee, I find this aspect of the dam's contribution to the lives of our veterans extremely important.

I strongly encourage you to designate this important landmark as a local historical treasure. Thank you for your consideration and please don't hesitate to contact my office with questions.

Sincerely,

Senator Donna Campbell, M.D.
Chairman, Senate Committee for Veteran Affairs & Border Security