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The Honorable Norman Dicks  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and  
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Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Todd Tiaht  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and  
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United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Dicks and Ranking Member Tiaht:

I am writing to respectfully request your support for the following projects in the FY2008 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill:

1. **Civil War Battlefield Preservation Program:** \$10 million for competitive grants in the Civil War Battlefield Preservation Program. This program preserves historic battlefield sites for future generations by working with willing sellers when properties become available. I have personally visited many of these historic sites and I can attest to the success of this program.
2. **Texas Water Resources Institute:** \$500,000 to conduct a study on land management for flood control in northern Harris County.
3. **Texas Department of Transportation:** \$10 million for the Houston Regional Large-Scale Freeway Landscaping project. This project, funded through the EPA, will significantly improve air quality, reduce pollutants, and improve quality of life in and around Houston.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Culberson".

John Culberson  
Member of Congress

A handwritten note in black ink that reads "Thank you Mr. Chairman!".

Thank you  
Mr. Chairman!

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