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Friends,

As we near the end of a tumultuous February, I feel that it is important to share some crucial information that will help our communities with recovery and with changes going forward.



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REPORT DISASTER DAMAGES
tdem.texas.gov/warm

Please use this link to report your damages through the Texas Division of Emergency Management Texas Individual Assistance Reporting Tool (TIART).

This is the self-reporting survey to help get your county approved for the individual assistance program under FEMA.

After the winter storm strained our power grid, we have shifted focus from recovery to accountability. Several ERCOT Board Members have already resigned. I recognize these resignations as an admittance of failure and welcome any additional resignations of officials who feel responsible for over 100 Texan deaths. However, I believe in holding all parties accountable, especially those that are jumping ship.



There was a House hearing, Thursday, February 25th at 9 am that aimed to investigate the statewide electrical blackouts.

Watch Online Here

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: State Affairs
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Thursday, February 25, 2021
PLACE: E1.030
CHAIR: Rep. Chris Paddie

The Committees on State Affairs and Energy Resources will hold a joint public hearing to consider the factors that led to statewide electrical blackouts during the recent unprecedented weather event; the response by industry, suppliers, and grid operators; and changes necessary to avoid future power interruptions.

The committee will hear *invited testimony only* on:

- Statewide electrical blackouts-contributing factors and response

For those persons who will be testifying, information for in-person witness registration, can be found here:

<https://mytxlegis.capitol.texas.gov/HWRSPublic/About.aspx>

A live video broadcast of this hearing will be available here:

<https://house.texas.gov/video-audio/>

Instructions related to public access to the meeting location and health and safety protocols for attending this meeting are available here:

<https://house.texas.gov/committees/public-access-house-committee-meetings/>

Texas residents who wish to electronically submit comments related to agenda items on this notice without testifying in person can do so until the hearing is adjourned by visiting:

<https://comments.house.texas.gov/?c=c450>

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance, such as a sign language interpreter, are requested to contact Stacey Nicchio at (512) 463-0850, 72 hours prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.



The Texas Workforce Commission has announced that residents in Maverick and Val Verde County are eligible to apply for Disaster Unemployment Aid. If you are a resident in one of these two counties, and faced employment issues as a consequence of the winter storm, please utilize this link. Applications are open until March 26th, 2021.

<https://www.twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/disaster-unemployment-assistance>



Pictured with Commissioner Sid Miller, Reps John Cyrier, Dwayne Burns, Doc Anderson.

On a lighter note, I had the opportunity to meet with Texas Agriculture Commissioner, Sid Miller. Amongst the Commissioner, were other members of the Rural Caucus.

I am excited to announce that I have been named Vice-Chair of the House Rural Caucus and appointed to the Rural Caucus policy committee. This Caucus plays a key role in communicating the interests of rural communities to the Legislature throughout the session.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Eddie Morales, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

State Representative Eddie Morales, Jr.