

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Andrew R. Commer
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Tulsa, Oklahoma 74128-4609

Dear Mr. Commer:

We write to you today to comment on and express our full support for the proposed Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir in Fannin County, Texas.

As you know, this proposed reservoir would provide much needed water for the 1.6 million Texans who currently live in the service area of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). Moreover with the population within NTMWD's service area expected to surge to 3.7 million by 2060 new water sources will clearly be needed.

Unfortunately, due to the multi-year drought, NTMWD has been under stage 3 water restrictions for several years. To make matters worse, due to the infiltration of the invasive Zebra Mussel species into Lake Texoma along with a haphazard redrawing of the Texas-Oklahoma border along Lake Texoma, 28% of NTMWD's water supply was cut off by the Federal government for several years under the Lacey Act. Due to the combination of this 28% cut in NTMWD's water supply, and the ongoing multi-year drought, today NTMWD's primary water supply at Lake Lavon is below its conservation pool level.

It is important to note that throughout this time, NTMWD has taken the lead in encouraging the conservation and efficient use of our water supply. Yet these conservation efforts can only go so far and new water supplies will be needed to meet the growing demand in North Texas. Because of the urgency of bringing this new water source online, we would like to extend our full support for the proposed Lower Bois D'Arc Creek Reservoir.

Thank you for your continued stewardship of our water resources in Texas.

Sincerely,



Sam Johnson
Member of Congress



Pete Sessions
Member of Congress



John Ratcliffe
Member of Congress