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The Honorable
Texas State House of Representatives,
P. O. Box 78711-2068
Austin, TX 78711-2068

Dear,

The Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is a Champion for Business Success and Quality of Life in our community, representing about 900 Chamber members with a population of over 300,000. As a driving force for economic development and advocacy our Chamber of Commerce admittedly opposes HB792 and HB793.

If private industry and economic development organizations such as a Chamber of Commerce are subject to disclose confidential and proprietary information from clients, members or potential investors this restricts and possibly even eliminates our ability to recruit or expand businesses, build a healthy business climate and /or attract newcomers to our communities. The message these bills send to the business community will discourage future business and job growth into our State and regions.

It is important to the members of the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce that our chamber and businesses maintain confidentiality to work for the betterment of our community.

I urge you to consider the commerce and economic development consequences HB792 and HB793 will have on our State. Thank you for your dedication to serve as a Representative of the great State of Texas. We would appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

Cindy H. DeWease
President and CEO