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The Honorable Kirk Watson
Texas State Senate, District 14
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Dear Senator Watson,
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 SB 407 and SB 408. 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 SB 407 and SB 408 will have on our State. Thank you for your dedication to serve as a Senator of the great State of Texas. We would appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

Cindy H. DeWease
President and CEO