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Dear Governor Abbott,

As a Texas-based developer with projects rooted in Texas communities, HIF supports your efforts to strengthen transparency and accountability across the state's data center sector, including your directive for a comprehensive audit of projects seeking to connect to the Texas grid.

In many rural communities, access to jobs and tax revenue is paramount, and preserving residents' way of life is just as important. Sustainable growth that protects the character of the surrounding community means bringing projects that are environmentally conscious, transparent, and that offer responsible growth to the region.

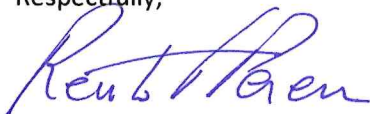
Site selection is the most important step in project development, and we prioritize the following in every location we consider:

- **Utilizing existing infrastructure.** We look for sites with electrical infrastructure already in place to support our projects, power that's already available, along with proximity to generation, helps keep costs down for ratepayers and supports more responsible development.
- **Leading with transparency.** We take a partnership-based approach with the community at every stage of a project.
- **Conserving water.** We use the best available technology and sustainable sources, preserving the water resources local agriculture depends on.

HIF places a major emphasis on sustaining open dialogue and investment within the communities it serves. These commitments, communication, education, job creation, and community investment, are the foundation of the multi-decade relationship it builds with neighbors, and they guide how the company understands and addresses concerns as its projects move forward. Preparing residents for the highly skilled jobs those projects will create is central to that long-term view, and HIF's ongoing presence in each community allows it to stay engaged as needs evolve.

Your call for a comprehensive audit of data center projects reflects the scale of investment moving into Texas and the importance of planning for the infrastructure, resource, and community considerations that come with it. HIF shares that priority and looks forward to working alongside state and local leaders, ERCOT, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, utility partners, and community stakeholders to support responsible growth that reinforces Texas's leadership in the digital economy. Our goal is to be a developer that listens, invests in local priorities, and earns its place in every community we enter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Renato Pereira".

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