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Mr. Robert:

I would like to express my comments on the 2007 Water for Texas Draft. First, I would like to commend the committee for their time and effort. One of items that I feel is missing from this draft is education. The planning process committee included many groups, but one of the groups they left out was school districts. There are 7956 campus and approximately 3.1 million children between the age of 5-13 in Texas. It would be impossible for cities to be able to touch that many children and most cities do not have the financial means to teach about water and water conservation. In 2002 the TWDB developed: Water IQ, Major Rivers, TWDB Kids, and Water Conservation Lesson Plans. The State should implemented these lessons into the curriculum. These children are going to be the future leaders of tomorrow, they will be the one facing this crisis. The school district can touch everyone of these children, they can make the impact we need, so these future leaders understand the value of water and how important water conservation is. The United State is one of the few country that is able to provide safe potable water to every citizens, but the United States also undervalues water. We need to teach our children now, how important water is, and the school districts can do that. I implore you to include this in your recommendations to the governor office. Lets get the school districts involve, they can touch every child, we can not. Thank you.

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