JACK S. BLANTON

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Dr. Hector Garcia 1315 Bright Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Dr. Garcia,

The past few years have made it clear the Texas economy must diversify and build on its strength if our state is able to provide jobs and a good quality of life for all Texans.

Our best thinkers agree we must build a high-tech base for Texas to do this. We can move towards this if Texas becomes the home of the most exciting scientific project planned for the rest of this century - the Superconducting Super Collider (SSC).

At this time, Texas is considered to be in the lead among the 25 states seeking to land the SSC. Physically, it consists of an underground tunnel fifty-three miles in circumference with attendant scientific laboratories. Texas has two sites among the leading possible recommended areas and a total of seven sites proposed.

If Texas wins the SSC, the benefits will be great. It will mean 4,500 construction jobs, 2,500 research and support jobs, and \$270 million in payroll per year. It will cost \$4.4 billion to build.

The SSC will be a magnet for high-tech industries attracted by the Super Collider's basic research environment. These industries will create additional employment opportunities and enhance our state's tax base.

Further, the SSC's impact on all of our major higher educational institutions will be staggering. They will be heavily involved with this great scientific effort and will be strengthened by its presence in Texas.

Over the life of the SSC, the Federal Government will put in \$12 for every \$1 we put up. And the Federal funds and economic impact of the SSC means over \$20 billion for the Texas economy.

A prize like the SSC is not easily won. The state must show its willingness to create economic incentives to complement our technically high-quality sites and win the national competition.

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That is why Texas citizens will be asked at the November election to approve issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds. If and only if Texas is selected for the SSC, the money will be spent to buy needed land and provide utilities, roads, buildings, and other improvements.

Our committee is asking a small number of Texas' leading citizens to be a blue-chip support group for passage of Proposition 19, the Supercollider amendment. Will you help us tell the voters of Texas that its foremost citizens are behind this effort? You can do two things.

First, serve on the Proposition 19 Statewide Steering Committee. As a committee member, you will play a vital role in helping to direct the Supercollider Campaign.

Second, please endorse Proposition 19 and lend your name to our committee.

I will be most appreciative if you will agree to be on this committee and lend your name to the effort. As time is of the essence, I will be grateful if you will return the attached card as soon as possible.

Jack S. Blanton

Chairman

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