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The power grid failure last year cost some Texans their life. It cost my family about \$4,000 in repairs. We had broken pipes, damaged pool pumps, lost greenhouse plants, and increased fuel costs. We were left to survive without heat in a zero degree night. The power was out for two days at a number of houses. It was off for many hours at my house and others in my family. Power has gone out a number of times this year. The rest of the country seemed to handle the winter storm without many problems. Governor Abbott and the PUC failed us. You need to join the national grid and insulate generation facilities. You need to have a plan to promote energy conservation, house weatherization, and more solar generation and backup storage and emergency backup generation. You need to have a plan to prevent this from ever happening again. We need you to act immediately to make our power grid reliable again. Failure to act is not an option. You must make our power grid reliable again.

Thank you.

Julius Simmons
Waxahachie, TX 75165

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The people of Texas deserve a reliable power source. My power was off for a week last winter, my apartment flooded when a pipe burst. My roommate and I had to trek across town on icy roads with our 2 cats and dog. We slid backward down 3 hills to get to the only hotel that had room. We were without shelter for a week until finally being moved to a different apartment. It was horrifying. Don't keep putting us through this - fix the grid.

Thank you.

Chris Eoff
Austin, TX 78741

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The people of our state deserve to have reliable energy. Texas should have the best power grid, not the worst.

Thank you.

Glenn Russell
Austin, TX 78749

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The people have waited long enough while laws are passed that restrict our rights but nothing has been done regarding the winter storm that shut down the infrastructure grid and we are but a few months away from another storm, do something now.

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Elizabeth Salazar
Austin, TX 78745

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The outages from February killed many Texans and threatened the lives and safety of millions more. Millions.

This is the stuff of failed states.

To prevent a recurrence--which is the absolute least you can do--the grid needs to be winterized and the entire system needs to be predicated on keeping people safe, not on maximizing profits. If you cannot grasp this, get out of the way.

Thank you.

Hank Schwemmer
Austin, TX 78705

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Helen Magro
Austin, TX 78749

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The next time a major climate event happens in Texas the recalcitrant governor will be on the phone to President Biden to declare an emergency so that Federal funds will be made available to fix the disaster. The only time Texas wants to be considered a part of the USA.

My advice to the President would be to make a deal: cancel the new abortion law and restore voter protections.

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William Wilson
Shady Side, MD 20764

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The most cost effective mechanism to improve grid reliability in Texas is simply to connect ERCOT to the rest of the USA. This would incentivize renewable energy development by expanding its market to increase profits. At the same time, the connections would allow inflow of electricity during those rare Storm Uri hyper-demand events. We should NOT have to pay hyper-demand profits to NG companies that benefit from NOT winterizing, nor should we have to pay the excessive costs those companies demand for their winterization. You need to protect the people of Texas from further death and destruction.

Thank you.

Terry Burns
San Antonio, TX 78216

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The massive freeze that paralyzed the state of Texas was appalling not only in what it did to its citizens but the character displayed by Republican lawmakers was inhumane. Senator Ted Cruz fled to Cancun under the guise of a family vacation, Rick Perry claimed that the people would rather endure the hardships than trust the federal government to intervene, and the state government didn't step in to forgive the astronomical bills people were left with. This catastrophe wouldn't have happened if the state had properly weatherized all equipment and allowed for greater investments in renewable energy. Now, even after all of the calamity, Abbott and the PUC are granting the companies responsible full permission to determine what is best moving forward. The people need capable and resolute leadership to address both future contingencies as well as the impending effects of climate change. Whether we like it or not, we're facing a new world. We must adapt in order to ensure a better future!

Thank you.

Alan Bailey
Lagrange, GA 30240

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Nora Martin
Austin, TX 78722

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Rebeka Williams
Mesquite, TX 75149

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Anne Wallace
San Antonio, TX 78210

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The last winter storm was such an incredibly rough time for some of our family. We never want to go through that again. Please, please do something for Texas!!! Please Governor Abbott, Fix the grid!

Thank you.

Lynda Bullerwell
Arlington, TX 76016

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The issues in this letter matter not only to the current generation, but especially to the younger generation. All our young get to hear about these days are culture war issues, not practical solutions. Our leaders are here to address those, and so far you are not leading ...

It is rime to listen to unbiased experts and future leaders who would like to enjoy a livable Texas, not one known mostly for extreme weather. But the latter is the one you are promoting with current policy and (in-)action. Time for change.

Thank you.

G Schade
College Station, TX 77843

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Thank you.

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Woodway, TX 76712

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City, TX 75089

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Thank you.

Carolyn Waterman
Garland, TX 75043

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The grid needs to be brought up to date and protected from the extremes of TX.

The death toll alone states that bandaging the system isn't sufficient for the demand.

Putting the cost of upgrading on the consumer is bad business! If the equipment is properly maintained and upgraded when needed, we wouldn't have to worry about blackouts and customers safety. We're tired of paying for a lifesaving service whether it is working or nit!!

Thank you.

Dak Konrad
Dallas, TX 75228

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The Grid MUST be fixed. No more Texans should die or be harmed because out-of-staters and electric companies simply want to take their salaries/profits and not do the necessary work to repair and maintain a safe supply of energy. February 2021 proved 2 things: Climate change is REAL and 2) Texas has let big business and "good ol' boys" win at the expense of everyday Texans. FIX IT AND FIX IT PROPERLY!

Thank you.

Sheilah O'Heaney
Rusk, TX 75785

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Bedford, TX 76021

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The Governor is responsible for all Texans safety and must take action now to prevent more lives lost due to a power grid failure. He must do the right thing!

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Toby Yannacone-Smith
Wylie, TX 75098

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The government it's supposed to keep the people safe. A storm like we had last winter is foreseeable and able to be prepared for. The people should not suffer and die from hypothermia in their own homes because the government did not make the utility providers adequately prepare oh, something they won't do as long as they're for-profit entities which are driven by shareholder returns. Dollars over human lives is not acceptable. Preparing for the winter weather is not a natural disaster like a tornado or a hurricane where you can't do anything to keep it from happening and the preparation is going to be inadequate no matter what you do. Making the infrastructure resilient is something we can do, we must do. No one should die in their own home because their electricity goes off, and a device they rely on to stay healthy or alive ceases to work. No one should die in their own home because the electricity goes off and they freeze to death. Texas is acting like a third world country here.

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Anna Santucci
Dallas, TX 75355

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The freeze cost us thousands of dollars. Our neighbors even more. They nearly froze to death. Barbara got double pneumonia and died soon after. Husband Bill suffered from heart ailments and passed later this year. Both local celebrities in the community. Their loss was absolutely tragic and unnecessary.

Thank you.

John Dial
Austin, TX 78704

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The FED Govt issues the currency. Can't run out. Instead of being at war with the FEDs and wanting to isolate the grid so more people die, you should be getting Federal money to connect to all the other grids.

Also implement comprehensive demand response so it never happens again.

And encourage lower carbon solutions including the solar bill of rights. Also, take Federal money to get everyone possible on home solar and batteries (EV batteries or otherwise.)

China is steamrolling ahead while we are Blockbuster.

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Nathan Lewis
Lubbock, TX 79411

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Susana Carranza
Austin, TX 78701

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The failure of the Texas Power Grid was preventable. The "Governor" and ERCOT were fully aware well ahead of time that it was bound to happen sooner rather than later and did absolutely nothing to prevent it. They knew the grid needed substantial upgrades and ignored the interests of the People they're supposed to serve.

Thank you.

Randall Ferrell
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The failure of Texas officials to create energy reserves or access to energy reserves for the next severe weather event is a disgrace matched only by the apparent willingness of Texans to let their officials get by with it. Enough "we know best how to manage our energy" arrogance! You've already shown the world your ineptitude! Grow the hell up!

Thank you.

Jennifer Kolmes
Richardson, TX 75080

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Alissa Gibson
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The fact is weather in Texas can be unpredictable. Despite what our corrupt moronic governor claims it was not the loss of windowed that caused the massive outages in February. It was the fact that our unregulated grid was not ready for a freeze of that nature. Unacceptable! Just because Abbott and his minions take money from the power companies doesn't change the fact that we need a power grid that can withstand use unpredictable weather in Texas. People should not die just to make these sleazebags money! We can't all run off to Cancun like Cruz!

Thank you.

William Smith
Waco, TX 76705

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The eyes of Texas are upon you as we realize nothing substantive has been done to remedy the issue. Forecasts show the possibility for a repeat of devastating conditions this winter. Please, save lives and keep our state great by listening to the community and expert voices that have been missing from the table so far.

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Briana Perea
Houston, TX 77058

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The citizens of Texas should be able to sleep at night without the worry that they may freeze in the coming winter or have their homes destroyed from burst pipes due to lack of electricity. My neighborhood is all electric and half our street was without electricity for days. I have spent many hours researching how to create alternative forms of heat, planning how to have water and food in case we have another terrible storm this winter. This is ridiculous in our times. It feels like we are living in the middle ages planning for survival. It is YOUR responsibility to make sure this does not happen again.

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Sherry Coffman
Arlington, TX 76017

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The circumstances around Uri this past year were unconscionable, but what's even worse is that next to nothing has been done to improve them. It appears to me, and other Texans who lost power and water for nearly a week (if not longer), at a time when many (including myself) were unemployed, that you do not care about Texans' safety. When that is literally the absolute least you should be able to guarantee us.

Try thinking about the actual responsibilities of your job and not the next biggest paycheck you can glean from screwing us over.

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Kelsey Spencer
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The breakdown of the power grid caused hardship, misery, and death. Little has been done to fix it. STRONG ACTION needs to be taken now

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The big freeze and the failure of the electric grid was a disaster for Texas. Yet, the governor nor legislature have made efforts to avoid this happening again

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Arlington, TX 76017

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Val Mora
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The amount of cortisol my body produced during the great winter storm was felt for weeks and weeks afterwards. Stress is the #1 cause of chronic disease.

FIX the Grid!!

Thank you.

Jennifer Preston
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The 2021 electric grid failure was inexcusable.

Government had been advised how we to address this situation. My elderly parents came Close to dying.

We

We were so

Miserable. Governor of Texas need to be accountable to his gross

Negligence!!!

Thank you.

Kita Laird
Buda, TX 78610

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The 2020 freeze changed my entire perspective on our needs as a community and as a family. Without heat or electricity the community is left in the dangerous hands of mother nature. Texas leaders have the power to avoid these future environmental tragedies for many Texan families. This needs to be top priority for leaders as we are in the midst of winter season. Please help with this or Texans will truly be doomed this winter and many years to come. Its so important.

Thank you.

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San Antonio, TX 78247

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Austin, TX 78751

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That freeze destroyed my home. I'm finally getting back to normal. Cost me more than i had!

Thank you.

mary wetzel
dallas, TX 75211

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That felt like an attack. Several days with intermittent power and no water for fear the pipes would burst. Shame on you!

Thank you.

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Thanks to Abbott's rolling blackout, all my pipes blew and I nearly froze to death. The house is still not fixed; Entergy was allowed to declare bankruptcy, so I can't sue. My house is now completely worthless; I have insurance but still can't afford to fix it. We need to get off this ridiculous idea that TX can go it alone & join the national grid. Ideally, we need to nationalize public utilities. My retirement was ruined by Abbott & PUC. I am 74 and will have to sell at a major loss, if I even can

Thank you.

Ruth Roberts
Galveston, TX 77550

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Jasmin Gomez
Grand prairie, TX 75052

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Thank you for caring enough for ALL TEXANS to fix the grid that brings electric. Think of your children and your grandchildren and make TEXAS BETTER even as we all deal with warmer weather and the science of what is happening. Thanks for making their future better

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Ruth Kohake
Cincinnati, OH 45205

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Texas, the only state I know of that has a monopoly on electricity thanks to our elected officials in Austin. If you are going to do something as shady as that, you should be providing excellent service....which you aren't. You better believe changes will happen if more people die this year.

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Larry Oliver
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Kathleen S. Robertson
Austin, TX 78749

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Thank you.

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Dallas, TX 75208

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Sandra Goldfuss
Elgin, TX 78621

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Texas must lead in converting to renewable energy and weatherize our grid so it never fails us again. We must act now or the uncertainty of global warming climate events will only worsen.

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McAllen, TX 78504

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Thank you.

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College Station, TX 77845

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Texas hold the public utility that failed your citizens so badly during the snow storm. They should pay reparations; charged for the cost of government action above the expected; and made to fix the Grid. Perhaps you might even consider a little competition for TPU.

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Alexandria, VA 22308

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Olive Fontaine
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Thank you.

Dorothy Mathes
Denton, TX 76209

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Texas grid fails to weatherize. This has happened over 10 years ago. Fix-it! We need to fix our electrical grid because if an EMP Bomb hits our state. Boom, boom! Out Goes the Lights.

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HUMBERTO HERNANDEZ
HOUSTON, TX 77012

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Texas energy market needs more government oversight. Deregulation did not help the average consumer and was the leading cause of the grid's failure in 2020.

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Austin, TX 78751

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Texas citizens died during the February freeze and this should never happen again, every action to prevent it should be taken by our state, otherwise this is gross negligence by state officials.

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Rochelle Mixon
Spring Branch, TX 78070

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Texas cannot afford a repeat of last winter's disastrous energy disruptions, and that means action must be taken now. The system that led to that fiasco will not magically fix itself. As you know, one definition of insanity is doing the same thing and expecting a different outcome. Let's be sane about this.

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John Thomlinson
Flower Mound, TX 75022

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And they shouldn't be hit with outrageous charges if they are lucky enough to have their electric power remain active to their home during freezing weather.

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Thank you.

Pam Groves
Arlington, TX 76015

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thru our taxes-thank you!

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Peter Luke Gebhardt
Dallas, TX 75219

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Shauna Mondragon
Corpus Christi, TX 78412

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Alexandra Bonifield
Dallas, TX 75214

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Texans have suffered enough because of the broken energy grid system

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Doug Dyer
Alachua, FL 32615

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Thank you.

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Austin, TX 78704

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Texans deserve to have reliable electric grid throughout year to cope with our extreme temp changes over 12 months. Elected officials are responsible for working for common good and safety and security of all residents. Stop focusing on next career move and DO SOMETHING POSITIVE.

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Sheila Brookshire
Dallas, TX 75248

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Thank you.

Lyda Arevalo-Flechas
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Texans deserve better! Sincerely Rhonda Fleming, Garland TEXAS

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Julie Henderson
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Thank you.

Deborah Vaughan
Hurst, TX 76053

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Texans are concerned we are likely to face another ?Winter Storm?, and rightfully so. Nothing has been done. We're heading into December, yet loopholes have been taken. The lack of winterizing knowing we face another disaster, jeopardizing more Texans, it's all unthinkable.

Thank you.

Michelle Barnard
Little Elm, TX 75068