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The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas  
c/o Chief  
Texas Division of Emergency Management  
PO Box 285  
Del Valle, TX 78617-9998

Dear Governor,


Stephens County/Breckenridge, Texas is facing significant threats to life, health and property due to the Texas Department of Transportation's closure of the mile-long bridge on US Highway 180 W. This closure has been necessitated by an emergency inspection, which revealed significant issues regarding the bridge's structural integrity, and these concerns presented an imminent threat to public safety.

The potential impact of this threat is that the closure of this vital transportation artery has resulted in severe disruptions to the county's emergency services and the well-being of our residents. Approximately 15% of the county's population is now cut off from rapid emergency services, leading to extended response times of 45 minutes or longer. Moreover, residents in the affected areas face extended drives for necessities, further exacerbating the situation.

I kindly ask for the State of Texas' continued assistance and that successive proclamations be issued and remain in effect until the threat of loss of life, injury, or damage to property is contained.

A timely response to this request would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
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Michael C. Roach  
Stephens County Judge

