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Greetings:

We, the City of Willow Park, do hereby document our unqualified support of HB 5406, currently before the 88th Texas Legislature, which creates the Cross Timbers Regional Utility Authority.

North Texas is projected to grow and develop significantly over the next several decades as it is recognized nation-wide as a premier location to do business and raise families. Furthermore, changing weather patterns have resulted in two significant droughts in the region over the past ten years putting a severe strain on existing water resources. Additional water resources and the associated infrastructure must be made available to meet the growing needs of the area and provide water security for our communities.

To better meet these needs, the Cross Timbers Regional Utility Authority will provide the vital function of coordinating the water planning for the region. Taking advantage of coordinated planning will save time and costs by eliminating duplications of effort, identifying synergies, and leveraging economies of scale. Bringing forward cooperative, coordinated plans which speak on a regional basis will give the Cross Timbers Regional Utility Authority a stronger voice as it competes for funding on both the state and federal level.

We ask that swift action be taken by the members of the 88th Texas Legislature to approve HB 5406 and implement the creation of the Cross Timbers Regional Utility Authority. Any delay will put further stress on the region's aging water systems and could see funding opportunities move to other areas of our State.

Thank you for your service to Texas!