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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

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Preparation works only if there is adequate early warning for ALL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE operators. An INDEPENDENT advisory of weather conditions needs to be provided...as we now know, the information has to include input to the Permian Basin operators of natural gas wells, natural gas pipeline, and natural gas processing plants. The TRRC must be involved and should have primacy over the entire process.

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It is clear that Texas has miserably failed its citizens in providing electricity in extreme weather situations.

We live in Austin. We lost power for 45 hours during the February winter storm event. The thermostat read 44 degrees in our house.

After the power came back on, we lost water. Then we had to shovel snow into buckets and melt it on the stove so we could flush our toilets.

Fortunately, I had the foresight to fill our bathtubs with water, which I had to boil in order to wash dishes.

I am 63 years old. My husband is 70. I suffered a stroke last year. My husband has high blood pressure and peripheral neuropathy. The last thing either of us needs is to be hauling buckets of snow and water anywhere.

I am a native New Englander. I survived the Blizzard of '78 and at least a dozen other storms that could've rendered me a statistic. The irony of FREEZING TO DEATH IN TEXAS would be comical... if it wasn't so close to the truth.

The fact is, Texans were left high and dry. Our lives were in danger, our property was at risk, all because the necessary safeguards were not put in place... all because of cutting corners in the name of corporate greed.

Shame on all those responsible. We deserve better.