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Submitted to the Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism  
For HJR 154

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Rebecca Morgan  
Myself  
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Please preserve Fairfield State Park and Lake for the many species of wildlife and flowers. We have enjoyed the lake and park area for over 20 yrs. Please do not close to the public or develop a gated community. Keep it preserve for our children.

Robert Nelson  
Self  
Dallas, TX

I am writing to you to express Texas needs for the State Park system and find perpetual funding for generations to come. With the current Budget excess, we have a once in a generation to truly expand the funding for the Texas Parks System not only for the \$730 Million deferred maintenance, but also for acquisitions to come either by expanding current parks which 10+ have the ability for expansion and finding new significant Texas treasures to become State parks in the future. Texas Centennial Parks Conservation Fund (HB3801+ SB 1648) is a start in the proper course direction. Wouldn't now be the time to seriously consider raising the funding from \$1 Billion mentioned to 2\$ Billion of the excess funds. We all would like to have more money come back in property tax reductions for homeowners and that would be a short term plus. To use that money to fully fund the Centennial Parks Conservation fund would be a multi-generational change for not only the current Texas but also the future Texans that are coming to the state in record numbers. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Reservation system are at maximum capacity with the state residents wanting to get out and visit the State parks and the facilities are book. The final point is to secure revenue from State sales tax on sporting goods to 100% with the provision that if budgets are met then excess funds may go back to general revenue.

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OPPOSE this bill