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Dear Voter:

Thank you for choosing to participate in this election by voting by mail. When you vote by mail, you may take the following steps to protect your ballot and your vote.

1. **Know your rights as a voter and be careful about assistance:** You have the right to vote for the candidates of your choice. No one should help you with your ballot, unless you cannot read the language written on the ballot or unless you have a disability that makes you unable to write or to see. If one of these conditions applies to you, we recommend that you ask a family member or trusted friend for assistance with your ballot.

Your vote is secret. It is a crime for that person to reveal how or for whom you voted. The person assisting you must mark your ballot according to your instruction and **cannot suggest how you should vote**. The assistant must place his or her name, address, and signature on the carrier envelope. Before your ballot is counted, the signature on your mail-in ballot application will be compared with the signature on your carrier envelope to verify that both signatures were executed by the same person, unless signed by a witness.

If anyone attempts to pressure or intimidate you, we urge you to report this to our office, your district attorney, or the Secretary of State's office at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683).

2. **Mail your own ballot:** If you can't mail your own ballot, give your ballot to a family member or trusted friend to mail for you. Do not accept offers from strangers to mail your ballot. For elections in which the ballot is mailed by your county, you may track the location and status of your mail ballot by visiting the Secretary of State's website at www.votetexas.gov and select 'Track My Ballot.' In order to view this information, you will need to provide the last four digits of your Social Security number and your driver's license number or personal identification card number issued by the Department of Public Safety.
3. **Don't wait until the last minute:** It takes time for the Post Office to deliver your ballot. Unless an exception applies, a ballot postmarked by Election Day (Tuesday, May 24, 2022) must be received by the early voting clerk no later than **5:00 pm on Monday, May 31, 2022**. If there is no postmark, the early voting clerk must receive these ballots by **7:00 pm on Election Day**. Please see the insert included with your balloting materials for other deadlines regarding military or overseas voters who submitted a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or voters who are overseas and submitted an Application for Ballot by Mail (ABBM).

NOTE: If you received ballots and balloting materials from more than one political subdivision, please be very sure to check the name of the election on the top of the ballot before you seal it in the ballot secrecy envelope, and match it to the name of the election that appears on the bottom, right side of the back of the carrier envelope, to make sure that you are returning each ballot in the correct carrier envelope for that ballot. This will ensure that each ballot is delivered to the proper early voting clerk. **DO NOT** put more than one ballot in the carrier envelope.

Early voting in person begins May 16, 2022 and continues through May 20, 2022. Election Day is May 24, 2022. You may contact your county election office for the locations and hours of operation for your early voting sites. If you change your mind about voting by mail and prefer to vote in person during the early voting period or on Election Day, you must take your mail ballot with you and cancel it at the polling place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Connie Becton".

County Election Official