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SENATOR  
EDDIE LUCIO, JR.

March 18, 2020

The Honorable Greg Abbott,  
Governor, State of Texas  
State Capitol, 2S.1  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Abbott:

As a State Senator representing a medically underserved region in our state, I thank you for your leadership in waiving regulations and for directing the Texas Department of Insurance to issue an emergency rule governing telemedicine which will allow constituents that we represent to have greater access to doctors as our state perseveres to contain the spread of the Coronavirus.

I respectfully request that you consider undertaking similar innovative solutions to increase our medical support personnel in our state to better address this public health crisis. Specifically, I respectfully ask that you consider working with the appropriate governing licensing entities to increase critical medical staff, such as nurses and other medical practitioners. By allowing, for example, those who are studying to become nurses to be ready to assist our doctors we will be expanding the capacity of our health care system and overcome any foreseeable shortage of medical care personnel.

In closing, I commend you for doing everything within your power to ensure that Texans have the appropriate health care services throughout our state, especially in medically underserved areas. Expanding our medical and health care capacity will be greatly increasing our success in mitigating the spread of the COVID-19.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eddie Lucio, Jr." with a small flourish at the end.

Eddie Lucio, Jr.  
State Senator

