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Re: Passage of HB 823 (Good Samaritan Bill for professional engineers)

To the Honorable members of the Texas State Legislature:

On behalf of professional structural engineers licensed in the state of Texas, I'd like to personally thank you for your focus and commitment to lay a secure foundation from which we may extend our time and expertise in time of need to our fellow Texans. No doubt disaster will strike in Texas, be it floods, hurricanes, or tornadoes. With the prediction of an active 2007 hurricane season, your passage of this bill is most timely.

Once the Senate passes their version of this bill, the Structural Engineering Emergency Plan can proceed to help local, state and federal authorities without the uncertainty and burden of potential legal liability, to assist those whose homes, businesses, and other structures have been damaged by disaster.

Thank you for honoring our profession with your vote of confidence.

Respectfully,

John Schwab, P.E.
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