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Vice President
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Williamson County Conservation Foundation
c/o Parks and Recreation
350 Discovery Blvd.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

Re: Williamson County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP); Participation Application by
Highland Six Twenty Residential Ltd., Highland 620 Land Investment, Ltd.

Dear Commissioner Birkman:

As previously discussed, the Williamson County Conservation Foundation ("Foundation") received an application for participation in the Williamson County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan from Highland Six Twenty Residential Ltd., (dba Highland 620 Land Investment, Ltd., "Developer"). The Developer submitted an application to you for Phase 2 "take" coverage of karst invertebrate species listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) on our recommendation.

We recommend that you proceed with issuance of a Participation Agreement to Highland Horizon Phase 2 according to your permit terms and conditions. We will continue to work with the Developer to resolve issues on their Phase 1 development.

We regret that we will be unable to attend the Foundation's Board of Directors meeting, October 13, 2010. However, we continue to support the Foundation and Williamson County and we appreciate your commitment to threatened and endangered species conservation. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Luella Roberts at 512-490-0057, extension 222.

Sincerely,

Field Supervisor
Austin Ecological Services

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