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To whom it may Concern:

On September 13, 2008 Hurricane Ike reached the Southeast Texas coastline leaving several communities damaged and lives changed forever. Debris fields ran for several miles along the shoreline. As a State Game Warden assigned to Chambers County, I had the pleasure of working with Peggy Sievers of unit 17 from the US Homeland Emergency Response Team (US HERO). Peggy and her staff's search and rescue efforts were tremendous. Each day counted for long hours and tough terrain. Their attitudes and energy will be greatly valued. Unit 17 assistance has been priceless to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the residents of Chambers County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason Francis".

Jason Francis  
State Game Warden  
Texas Parks and Wildlife