



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

March 12, 2021

The Honorable Dan Patrick  
Lieutenant Governor  
State of Texas  
State Capitol, Room 2E.13  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Governor Patrick:

I am in receipt of your March 12, 2021 letter.

It is clear to me there is a difference of opinion of whether there was a billing error or there was a deliberate decision to take action to save the lives of Texans in their homes. That issue will ultimately be decided by courts.

As a former Texas Supreme Court Justice and former Attorney General, I agree with the position of the PUC Chair about his inability to take the action you requested. You asked that I “intervene to ensure the right thing is done.” The Governor does not have independent authority to accomplish the goals you seek. The only entity that can authorize the solution you want is the legislature itself. That is why I made this issue an emergency item for the legislature to consider this session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott  
Governor

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