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The Honorable Mark Millar
Mayor
City of Gunter
P.O. Box 349
Gunter, Texas 75058-0349

Dear Mayor Millar:

In these challenging economic times, every dollar counts. This spring, Texans can save money and conserve energy through the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program. We appreciate your help in sharing this valuable information with your constituents.

This April, Texans can receive rebates on qualifying appliances, including but not limited to refrigerators, dishwashers and water heaters, purchased between April 16 and April 25. The state of Texas received more than \$23 million from the U.S. Department of Energy to establish the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program, the first of its kind in Texas, and will administer the rebates through the Comptroller's State Energy Conservation Office (SECO).

Participants must be Texas residents, purchase an appliance in-store at a Texas retailer and replace an old appliance with a new, energy-efficient model to receive a mail-in rebate. These state rebates can be stacked with other rebates and incentives, such as manufacturer rebates and federal tax credits. Each household is eligible for up to two appliance rebates, as long as they are for two different types of appliances. All old appliances must be disposed of properly, and residents who recycle their old appliance will receive an additional \$75 rebate. More specific instructions, including a toll-free number and the ability to reserve rebates online, will be available in the near future.

You and your constituents can sign up to receive up-to-date information via e-mail, get answers to frequently asked questions and review a list of eligible appliances and rebate amounts on the Comptroller's SECO Web site at www.secostimulus.org/rebate.

We wanted to make you aware of the purchase and rebate dates now, so your constituents can plan ahead. Please let us know if we can provide further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Combs".

Susan Combs