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Storm protection

Regarding "Legislators want quick action on storm protection" (Page B1, Tuesday), recently at Texas A&M University Galveston, the [Texas Legislature's Joint Committee](#) on a [Coastal Barrier System](#) held a hearing to discuss proposals for a storm surge-suppression system that could be turned into legislation. This event was an excellent example of true leadership by our state legislature.

The [Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership](#), in collaboration with others, has worked over the past four-plus years to not only educate residents in the region about the critical need for a coastal barrier system but also to take steps to make such a system a reality. We have looked for political leadership beyond Bay Area Houston to carry our message forward, but that leadership has been missing.

As we have stated from the very beginning, this initiative has repercussions that affect more than just our region. It's a state issue, a national issue, and the leadership that was shown Monday by the joint committee will serve to create a pathway forward.

We truly appreciate Sen. [Larry Taylor](#), R-Friendswood; his committee co-chairman, Rep. [Joe Deshotel](#), D-Beaumont; Rep. [Greg Bonnen](#), R-Friendswood, and the other members of the Joint Committee on a Coastal Barrier System for demonstrating the leadership necessary to get this initiative off dead center.

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