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Greetings Senators,

My name is Howell Wright, Superintendent of Rockdale ISD. Rockdale ISD is a small 3A size school with an enrollment of 1700 students. My testimony on Senate Bill 504 is on behalf of Rockdale ISD, Texas Association of Mid Size Schools, Texas Association of Community Schools, and Texas Rural Educators Association.

I want to thank Senator Davis for providing school districts with the financial relief proposed in Senate Bill 504 regarding a 20% reduction of electricity costs.

The total amount of dollars that Rockdale ISD would save is an estimated \$95,690 per year. That amount equals two teaching positions that could be saved from our district's proposed staff cuts due to the projected funding shortfall to public schools this biennium. Below is a monthly breakdown of our energy costs over the past year:

February	2010	\$41,957	August	2010	\$47,519
March	2010	\$38,063	September	2010	\$56,845
April	2010	\$42,756	October	2010	\$37,219
May	2010	\$46,666	November	2010	\$24,022
June	2010	\$43,786	December	2010	\$34,725
July	2010	\$35,030	January	2011	\$29,863
Total:		\$478,451	20% Savings		\$95,690

Sincerely,

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