

SENATOR JOHN CORNYN
LUFKIN ANGELINA TOP 8 LIST

- 1) **Assistance in and support of FEMA/Home Land Security funding for an evacuation shelter/convention center.** (City of Lufkin will have an application submitted shortly for funds from the recent \$400 million additional money sent from feds for hurricane relief. Additionally, any assistance available for disaster relief HUBS, since Lufkin will be the HUB for the Beaumont – Houston areas for any natural or terrorist related evacuation.)

- 2) **Assistance and guidance on funding for a mental health facility in Angelina County/East Texas.** (The closest facility is in Tyler or Shreveport. Many times local law enforcement has had to drive an out of control patient as far away as El Paso. With Lufkin's location, this would be an ideal place for a regional hospital and service center.)

- 3) **Economic development assistance for Angelina County.** (Assistance with grants and loans from EDA, USDA-Rural Development and Small Business Administration. Alternative Energy incentives for Biomass and other solid fuel Energy production (both electricity and other fuels). Location of possible Federal service centers that are not presently located in Lufkin to serve the Central East Texas Market as well as disaster response operation for the Texas, Louisiana region. Support for the appropriations requests for infrastructure enhancement project from Lake Sam Rayburn (We currently own 25 Million gallons per day of water rights at Lake Sam Rayburn but it will be a \$55 million project to get it to Lufkin), The above mentioned Evacuee Shelter / Civic Center appropriations request, The Angelina County Airport runway improvement and expansion appropriation request from the county, and lastly the Cassels Boykin park request as mentioned below.)

- 4) **Funding assistance for increased development of Sam Rayburn Lake and protecting water supply to Lufkin.** (When Rayburn opened in the 60's there were numerous parks – both Corp of Engineers and US Forest Service – now there are 50-60% of those facilities left and they are not maintained. Part of the problem, particularly with the Corp parks, is the money they collect is sent to DC and never returns for maintenance – if they were allowed to keep the money they collect and use for maintenance and new

facilities it would be a tremendous boost to the local tourist economy of the region! The City anticipates that to obtain Water from the Lake will cost approximately \$55 million. Any assistance through economic development or other programs to help offset the additional funding requirements since Lufkin will have the same customer base)

- 5) **Support for community colleges, particularly the programs at Angelina College.** (Consideration and support for medical research programs utilizing Angelina College and local medical community. All Vocational training opportunities – Lufkin wants to be the HUB for Central East Texas for any and all vocational training. Also, Lufkin would like to develop an extensive ability to offer Junior and Senior level courses by downlink with several of the major universities in Texas.)
- 6) **Support for funding unfunded mandates for No Child Left Behind initiatives.**
- 7) **Continued support for TTC 69 (I 69)**
- 8) **Consideration of line item appropriation for U.S. 59/819 interchange-overpass.**