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Hon. Todd Little, Ellis County Judge &
Ellis County Commissioners (R. Stinson, L. Grayson, L. Ponder, and K. Butler)
101 West Main Street
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

Dear Judge Little and Ellis County Commissioners,

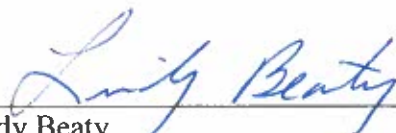
I am writing this letter to voice my unequivocal support for the creation of a fourth District Court by the 89th Texas Legislature. It is my understanding that this court would be a court of general jurisdiction focusing on felony criminal cases.

Having worked in the criminal justice field in Ellis County for over twenty years, both as a prosecutor and defense attorney, I have witnessed firsthand the exponential population growth the county has experienced and the resulting increase in crime, thereby creating the need for an additional district court.

When I took office on January 1, 2025, there were over 500 felony cases awaiting grand jury, nearly another hundred that have been submitted by law enforcement waiting to be accepted by our office, and dozens more motions to adjudicate/revoke waiting to be signed. These numbers are of course in addition to the thousands of cases already pending in the courts, including close to 150 cases on the jury trial docket, the overwhelming majority of which have victims who have been waiting for justice. These numbers are only expected to rise in the coming years.

Justice demands that felony criminal cases be handled fairly, efficiently and swiftly. There is an immediate need to add a District Court and a Judge from our community who will be accountable to the citizens to ensure that happens.

Sincerely,



Lindy Beaty
Ellis County and District Attorney