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(WASHINGTON, DC) - Rep E "Kika" de la Garza (D-Tx) supported Governor Richards' request to declare five South Texas coastal counties as federal disaster areas for the purpose of making the federal Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan program available to impacted fishery-related businesses that suffered losses as a result of heavy winter and spring rains. Extremely low salinity levels in the bays have created significant production shortfalls in the shrimp industry, affecting not only the shrimp fleet, but also shoreside facilities such as processing which depend upon the shrimp harvest.

Rep de la Garza said, "the shrimp industry is an important sector of our economy in South Texas and we must do everything to ensure that they remain a viable part of that economy. The shrimpers need assistance not otherwise available to them through normal channels in order to survive. I am contacting the federal agencies involved urging them to make a favorable decision on this request."

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