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As a resident of Brownsville my entire life, I believe we deserve a new cumulative analysis in our area. Elon Musk once said in an interview that if a ship failed he wasn't worried since no people lived near by, he was certainly wrong. We live here and deserve consideration of our environment and health. We can't allow outside people destroy our homes. I ask that we be given the right of a healthy environment to live in for ourselves and future generations.

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Boca Chica Beach, South Padre Island and the entire Texas Coast provide habitat for so many animals and various creatures. Aside from this it is also home and a dear destination for so many people. As adjustments are being made in this project I hope and expect for the proper precautions to be made in order to maintain the environment of our Texas Gulf Coast.

Kind Regards,

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We have been cheering on SpaceX since at least 2014, when we started resisting the 3 unwise, wasteful, and deadly LNG plants planned for nearby sites along Rte. 48, between the Bahia Grande and the SpaceX areas near Boca Chica Beach. Why? Because we admire Elon Musk and his renewable energy cars, ... and other projects. However, live rocket fuel and the invisible Methane pool in the atmosphere just above the SpaceX sites. Having read accounts of the Chinese port explosion a few years ago, and having grown up in Cleveland, site of horrific natural gas accidents since my childhood, I am very concerned about a VCE, which would be deadly to everyone and everything within at least the ten mile radius of SpaceX and the LNG sites. Appalling! Please go ahead, and in the scope of the EIS, or even a thorough EA which shows DEFINITE SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE Environmental impacts, PLEASE INCLUDE THE increased risk of deadly, catastrophic VCEs, and the economic and environmental harms that would be irremediable. Ocelot and Aplomado Falcon, rare sea grasses, oyster beds, Roseate Spoonbills, Brown Pelicans, and the new black rail which is listed as endangered, are highly vulnerable in this region, and surely more worthy of protection than a few wealthy oil barons wanting to use fracked gas to make LNG at minus 260 degrees C.

Thank you for taking this seriously, because it will be too late after the VCEs and another degree of global warming, methane causing deadly heat waves and crop failures, and general storm extremes which are sure to follow. YOU are responsible, and can help us stop the worst dangers related to LNG.

Best of luck and science in your launches, and blessings for the new year,

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