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As Mayor of the City of Victoria, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I announce my full support for Senate Bill 2361, authored by Senators Lois Kolkhorst and Paul Bettencourt, which seeks legislative approval of a transfer of the University of Houston-Victoria to the Texas A&M University System.

Since its founding, UHV has provided academic excellence and opportunity to its students. Victoria is proud of the university's legacy of excellence and its deep roots in our community. Through SB 2361, we now have an opportunity to honor and build upon that legacy by ushering in a new era of transition and growth for our university.

If approved, Victoria will become the 12th higher education institution within the Texas A&M System. It is important to note that this transition is not just a change in governance; it is a forward-thinking transformation that will ensure the long-term success of our university. The transition to the Texas A&M System will provide our university with increased access to the resources and support it needs to thrive for decades to come, and is anticipated to provide our students with additional learning opportunities and academic programs, including engineering and agriculture, neither of which are being offered at our university at this time.

This transfer will not only be an investment in higher education but also a commitment to the future of our city. By strengthening the university, we are enhancing an important economic driver for Victoria. Our university's growth and success contribute to the goal of growing Victoria's economy and developing workforce opportunities in our area.

Now is the time for this community to come together and rally behind our university showing our support for its future. It will take the community working together to ensure the university's long-term success, and this pivotal moment presents the perfect opportunity to do just that. By uniting in support of the transfer into the Texas A&M System, we can help shape the future of both our university and our city.



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I want to thank Senators Kolkhorst and Bettencourt for their leadership in bringing SB 2361 forward, as well as the leadership at both the University of Houston and Texas A&M Systems. This transfer represents a vision for a university in Victoria that is closely aligned with our surrounding industrial and agricultural sectors, ensuring a bright future for our students and our community.

I strongly encourage the Legislature to pass this important bill.

Sincerely,
Duane Crocker
Mayor of Victoria