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the Sierra Club
Aquifer Guardians in Urban Areas
Bexar Audubon Society
Bexar Green Party
Boerne Together
Cibolo Nature Center
Citizens Allied for Smart Expansion
Citizens for the Protection of Cibolo Creek
Environment Texas
First Universalist Unitarian Church of
San Antonio
Friends of Canyon Lake
Friends of Dry Comal Creek
Friends of Government Canyon
Fuerza Unida
Green Party of Austin
Headwaters at Incarnate Word
Hays Community Action Network
Helotes Heritage Association
Helotes Nature Center
Hill Country Planning Association
Green Society of UTSA
Guadalupe River Road Alliance
Guardians of Lick Creek
Kendall County Well Owners Association
Kinney County Ground Zero
Leon Springs Business Association
Medina County Environmental Action
Association
Native Plant Society of Texas – SA
Northwest Interstate Coalition of
Neighborhoods
Preserve Castroville
Preserve Lake Dunlop Association
San Antonio Audubon Society
San Antonio Conservation Society
San Geronimo Nature Center
San Geronimo Valley Alliance
San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance
San Marcos River Foundation
Save Barton Creek Association
Save Our Springs Alliance
Scenic Loop/Boerne Stage Alliance
Securing a Future Environment
SEED Coalition
Solar San Antonio
Sisters of the Divine Providence
Travis County Green Party
West Texas Springs Alliance
Water Aid – Texas State University
Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation
Wimberley Valley Watershed Association

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House Land and Resource Management Committee

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Re: H.B. 2684 Sent Via e-mail


Honorable Representative Herrero and Members of the House Land and
Resource Management Committee,

As a coalition member of Texans for Property Rights, the fifty-two member
groups of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA) support H.B. 2684,
scheduled to be heard by your Committee on April 20th.

The bill proposes much needed reform to the process of taking land through
eminent domain. In that we count as members hundreds of rural
landowners throughout the twenty-two county Edwards Aquifer region, we
see all too frequently how any blank space on the map might be targeted to
accommodate new infrastructure as the Hill Country region becomes more
densely populated. All too often lately, infrastructure that should be
provided by new development is pushed onto contiguous properties. As a
result, the use and value of rural lands are diminished as unwilling property
owners are forced to assume the burdens of growth. It is essential that
farmers and ranchers, who are among the best stewards of our natural
resources, are furnished the basic protections provided in this bill. We
believe that this bill is a fair and equitable means of addressing such abuse.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on H.B. 2684. We believe that
this legislation merits your support and hope to see it passed into law this
session.

Sincerely,



**Annalisa Peace
Executive Director**