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Bexar Audubon Society
Bexar Green Party
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Citizens for the Protection of Cibolo Creek
Environment Texas
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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
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Travis County Green Party
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Re: H.B. 2240

Dear Chairman Larson and Members of the House Natural Resources Committee,

It is with great delight that I submit this letter in support of H.B. 2240 on behalf of the fifty-two member organizations of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA). The bill would require certain water utilities serving a population of 10,000 or more to have “time-of-day” limitations on outdoor watering if they want a loan for new water supplies.

A growing number of cities and water districts already prohibit their customers from watering their lawns during the heat of the day, at least in summer months, in order to prevent the wasteful evaporation of water. Studies show that as much as 50% of the water applied during the hottest times of the day never reach the roots of plants. This bill insures that Water Development Board funding is well spent by setting a reasonable limitation on outdoor watering to prevent wasting water.

We would like to see these “time-of-day” restrictions implemented consistently throughout the State. Projections for water needed to support our growing population certainly indicate the wisdom of conserving water as the cheapest and most reliable means of insuring that these needs are met. The State of Texas should take every opportunity to promote water conservation. We believe, and hope you agree, that H.B. 2240 is the right step in this direction and is worthy of your approval.

Sincerely,



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