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To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to provide this letter expressing our support of the Guadalupe River Road Alliance's application to designate the Guadalupe River Road Corridor as one of Texas' Most Threatened and Endangered Places.

The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA) has consistently supported the preservations of our natural waterways within the Edwards Region. The Guadalupe River Road Corridor lies within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, an area designated by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (now the TCEQ) as the most environmentally sensitive area within the State of Texas. Keeping this area in its currently undeveloped state is required if we are to maintain the high quality of water in the Edwards Aquifer. The Edwards Aquifer is the primary source of drinking water for 1.8 million Texans. The fragility of this landscape cannot be underestimated – it is here that water enters this karst aquifer with no filtration whatsoever. Contaminants picked up as storm water flows across this area are introduced directly into the groundwater, and have the potential to compromise the quality of water flowing from Comal and Hueco Springs, as well.

Additionally, the Guadalupe River is critical to maintaining in-stream flows of fresh water to the bays and estuaries of the Texas Gulf Coast. We hope that you will recognize the enduring beauty and the elegant utility of the Guadalupe River Corridor as an integral piece of the natural infrastructure that feeds the largest springs in Texas and supplies high quality ground and surface water to people and wildlife within our region. By designating this locale as one of Texas' Most Threatened and Endangered Places you will have contributed significantly to the efforts of thousands of Texas citizens united to prevent immanent destruction of an irreplaceable water resource and a scenic Hill Country treasure.

Respectfully,

Annalisa Peace Executive Director