

Dear GEAA members and friends,

The 84th Legislative session will be over in a couple of days. As of today, the only action on bills still pending is in Conference Committees to work out any differences between House and Senate versions, followed by final votes on these reconciled versions. At this point, any damage will be in the form of amendments on bills going through either Chamber at a moment's notice.

We had some late night good news last night when HB 3405, filed by Representative Jason Isaac, was resurrected moments before the last House Floor session ended. You can read more [here](#).

Our sincere thanks go out to all of you who stepped up to write your legislators, testify in committee, and alert your friends as to what was happening at the Capitol. It was a pretty rough session; your support meant the world to us - and it really helped move some good legislation forward.

While we did get some bad legislation stopped, a lot of bad bills made it into law. But, at least they know how we feel. Judging from the number of calls I got from staffers this session with questions about the bills on GEAA's agenda, I know your messages were being heard.

We will get right to work next week tallying up the votes to see how your representatives and senators voted. Stay tuned for the Legislative Report Card coming in early July.

With our part of Texas making international headlines this week, we have been hard at work [compiling news coverage](#) that outs bad policy decisions responsible for escalating vulnerability in storm events. Our heart goes out to all of you who suffered loss, especially to those who lost their homes and loved ones in the floods. For the past ten years, GEAA has promoted measures such as impervious cover limits and [low impact development techniques](#) that might have mitigated the ferocity of the floods. We will continue devoting our time and resources to efforts that would impose a bit of sanity and good judgement on runaway growth. We need to insure, above all, that new development in the Hill Country doesn't flood the folks downstream. [Here is a list](#) of some of the programs devoted to this goal. As always, progress on these programs is dependent on securing funding.

Again, thank you! Thank you! Thank you for your help during the legislative session!

Sine die and have a great weekend!

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