Dear GEAA members and friends,

I apologize for contacting you two days in a row with the same request for action. Yesterday I sent out a notice about two awful bills (<u>SB 1918</u> and <u>SB 1919</u>) that were filed that were filed on Monday, April 29th by <u>Senator Donna Campbell</u>. We learned this morning that these bills will be heard in the Senate Affairs Committee tomorrow (5/2) rather than Monday (5/6), as we were told by Senator Campbell's office.

We are all upset that local ordinances to protect the Edwards Aquifer are not being enforced. Passage of <u>SB 1918</u> and <u>SB 1919</u> would prohibit San Antonio, Austin, and New Braunfels from enforcing these measures at all. SB 1918 would also ensure that tree ordinances could not be enforced, either.

When I heard of Senator Campbell's action to save <u>Workman's HB 3087</u> by filing a companion bill after the deadline, my stomach got all tied up in knots. Passage of these bills will mean that we can never achieve adequate regulation to protect the Edwards Aquifer - Not from the EAA, the TCEQ, or at the municipal level.

Local water quality ordinances passed nearly twenty years ago with overwhelming public support. The collusion between two legislators from the Edwards Region, Representative Paul Workman (House Dist. 47) and Senator Donna Campbell (Senate Dist. 25) to strip us of local control in protecting our water supply is especially puzzling — and disgusting.

Please <u>contact your State Senator</u> today to let them know that you oppose SB 1918 and SB 1919. If you are represented by Campbell and/or Workman, it is especially important to let them know that you do not appreciate this type of behavior or this legislation.

Thank you,

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