

Dear GEAA members and friends,

Although the Senate passed a "clean" version of the TCEQ Sunset Bill (HB 2694), the House still insists on including the <u>Chisum amendment</u>, which would put our right to protest permits in jeopardy. <u>See how your representative voted here</u>.

Of our Hill Country Delegation who represent you:

John Garza, Larry Gonzalez, Harvey Hildebran, Jason Isaac, Tracy King, Edmund Kuempel, Lyle Larson, Doug Miller and Charles Schwertner voted for the Chisum amendment to gut your ability to contest TCEQ permits.

Working together, we have achieved so much during the past years by contesting TCEQ permits. Now, those rights might be severely compromised. Those of you who live in rural areas, where you rely most heavily on contesting TCEQ permits for bad projects, will notice that your representatives voted to take away your most useful venue of protest. If you are represented by one of the House members who voted for the Chisum amendment, please contact your State Representative today to let them know that you support the Senate version of HB 2694.

Here are the three outcomes needed in the final TCEQ Sunset Bill:

- Compliance history provisions to hold polluters accountable for their permits.
- Increase the Cost of potential fines on polluters for violating thier permits.
- Eliminate the Chisum amendments

Many thanks to all of you who have been contacting your legislators. At this point, we could end up with a better TCEQ, or with an agency that is even less responsive to your concerns. Your action today can make the difference.

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