



Dear GEAA members and friends,

Today we are incredibly grateful to Senator José Menéndez and Representative Donna Howard for filing [SB 1796](#) / HB 3467, and to Representative Tracy King for filing [HB 3036](#). **SB 1796 and its companion HB 3467 would prohibit the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) from authorizing the discharge of domestic sewage effluent into any water in the contributing or recharge zones of the San Antonio or Barton Springs segments of the Edwards Aquifer.** HB 3036 extends that protection into the entire Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone. Read more about why we need these bills [here](#).

Feel free to thank [Senator Menéndez](#), [Representative Howard](#), and [Representative King](#) for filing these important bills by calling their district offices. Or, you can send a message by replying to this e-mail. I will compile all the messages and make sure they get them.

The Edwards Aquifer has an incredibly diverse compliment of advocates who support this legislation, including the citizens of San Antonio who rely on it as their primary source of drinking water, Austinites who enjoy swimming in Barton Springs, businesses in New Braunfels and San Marcos that benefit from summer tubing, farmers and ranchers worried about the quality of their well water, and homeowners who do not want sewage effluent flowing through their yards.

What is lacking so far is bipartisan support for these bills. Please, [contact your legislators](#) to request that they sign on to cosponsor these bills ASAP. Equally important is contacting [Representative Lyle Larson](#), Chair of the [House Natural Resources Committee](#), to request that a Committee hearing be scheduled so that the bills can move forward.

We really need your help to make these bills stand out among the 4,000 others that have been filed this session. If we all work together, we can make this happen.

Have a great weekend!

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