Dear GEAA members and friends,

Today, Sen. Troy Fraser amended HB 1665 (a bill about notification requirements regarding certain land use regulations in an area near military facilities in San Angelo, Texas) to include failed HB 1388/SB 732 - the dread tree clearcutting bills.

Fraser's amendment, which would apply to all Texas, states "an ordinance, rule, or plan regulating the planting, clearing, or harvesting of trees or vegetation or other uses of trees or vegetation on a particular tract of land may not be enforced in any portion of the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality that is not located within three miles of the boundary line of a defense base."

Although this allows for enforcement of SA's tree ordinance within 3 miles of the base, Fraser's amendment would apply statewide to exempt enforcement of any city's tree ordinance, including San Antonio's, outside of city limits.

Please contact your State representatives and senators today to request that they oppose Sen. Fraser's amendment to HB 1665. San Antonio legislators will also be adding an amendment that would exempt San Antonio from Fraser's amendment. This is worthy of support, but it would be much better to kill the entire amendment.

Any help will be greatly appreciated.

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