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Alamo, Austin, and Lone Star chapters of
the Sierra Club
Bexar Audubon Society
Bexar and Travis-Austin Green Parties
Bexar Grotto
Boerne Together
Bulverde Neighborhood Alliance
Bulverde Neighborhoods for Clean Water
Cibolo Center for Conservation
Citizens for the Protection of Cibolo
Creek
Comal Conservation
Comfort Neighbors
Congregation of Divine Providence
Environment Texas
First Universalist Unitarian Church of SA
Fitzhugh Neighbors
Friends of Canyon Lake
Friends of Castroville Regional Park
Friends of Dry Comal Creek
Friends of Government Canyon
Fuerza Unida
Green Society of UTSA
Guadalupe Riverkeepers
Guadalupe River Road Alliance
Guardians of Lick Creek
Hays Residents for Land & Water
Protection
Headwaters at Incarnate Word
Helotes Heritage Association
Hill Country Alliance
Kerr County Water Alliance
Kendall County Well Owners Association
Las Moras Springs Association
Leon Springs Business Association
Llano River Watershed Alliance
Native Plant Society of Texas -- NB
Native Plant Society of Texas -- SA
Northwest Interstate Coalition of
Neighborhoods
Pedernales River Alliance -- Gillespie Co.
Preserve Castroville
Preserve Lake Dunlop Association
Preserve Our Hill Country Environment
River Aid San Antonio
San Antonio Audubon Society
San Antonio Conservation Society
San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance
San Marcos River Foundation
Save Barton Creek Association
Save Our Springs Alliance
Scenic Loop/Boerne Stage Alliance
Securing a Future Environment (SAFE)
SEED Coalition
Signal Hill Area Alliance
Solar San Antonio
Texans for Environmental Awareness
Texas Cave Management Association
Trinity Edwards Spring Protection Assoc.
Water Aid -- Texas State University
Watershed Association
Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

April 30, 2025

The Honorable Will Metcalf, Chair
The Honorable Lulu Flores, Vice-Chair
The Honorable Members Cole, DeAyala, Kerwin, Martinez Fischer, Orr, Vasut, and
Ward Johnson
House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism

**Re: House Bill 5259, An Act Relating to a Wildlife Corridor Action Plan Developed
by the Parks and Wildlife Department and Certain Other Duties of the Department
Relating to Wildlife Corridors**

The [Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance](#) (GEAA) appreciates the opportunity to submit these
comments on behalf of our sixty-two member groups that are allied in advocacy for the
preservation of our ground and surface water resources in twenty-one counties within
Central and South Texas. We support House Bill 5259.

Texans experience thousands of wildlife-vehicle collisions every year. Wildlife crossings are
a proven solution that protect both animals and people. HB 2529 would help expand these
efforts statewide, ensuring thoughtful, data-driven planning for safer roads and healthier
ecosystems. Many states already have wildlife corridor plans. This would be the first step for
Texas in developing one.

Texas is #1 in the nation for animal-vehicle collisions, costing the state an average of \$917
million annually and 30 fatalities annually. Wildlife corridors over or under highways are
highly effective, reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions by as much as 97%.

Other Western and Southwestern states -- Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming --
have passed similar bills or executive orders on wildlife corridors. The UT Center for
Transportation Research estimates there are more than 100 road segments where crossing
benefits, from avoided injuries and avoided property damage, would outweigh project costs.

San Antonio's Robert L.B. Tobin Land Bridge at the Phil Hardberger Park is one example of
a successful wildlife corridor that provides countless benefits to wildlife, motorists, and city
residents. Texas needs many more such corridors. As such, we urge you to support HB
5259.

Thank you for your consideration. Please consider GEAA as a resource that is at your
disposal. We look forward to working with you on this issue.



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