

Member Organizations

Act Now Comal
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
Cibola Center for Conservation
Citizens for the Protection of Cibola
Creek
Coalition for Responsible Environmental
Aggregate Mining (CREAM)
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 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
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Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Affairs,

I am writing on behalf of the sixty-two member organizations of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA) to urge you to vote against [HB 4852](#).

[HB 4852](#) gives the Texas Attorney General sweeping new powers to target nonprofits and businesses. This bill would allow the Attorney General to demand internal records, compel sworn statements, and even shut down organizations—all without court approval or proof of wrongdoing.

The hundreds of non-profits operating in Texas provide valuable services and should be encouraged in their work – not threatened with criminal penalties as this bill provides.

Texas non-profits find funding for research that helps inform your decisions on the important matters facing our state – at no cost to the state. Groups like Texas 2030, Texas Living Waters, GEAA, and dozens of other advocacy groups help you sort through the issues by instituting studies on a variety of issues that are critical to the wellbeing of the state, our economy, and your constituents. Why would you want to mess with that?

Texas non-profits provide a conduit to the preferences of your constituents. For example, GEAA advocates for policy decisions that are endorsed by 100% consensus of our diverse member groups. When we adopt a position, it represents the consensus of over 50,000 Texans from all walks of life and all political affiliations. We sort out some of the difficult decisions that you are faced with and provide a firm basis of support for your actions when it comes to protecting and conserving our water resources. Why would you want to mess with that?

We cannot ignore that many extreme bills have been filed this session. HB 4852 / SB 2340 fall under this category. Your vote on these bills will determine whether Texas gives tools to the extremely partisan to go after those they disagree with or, whether Texas is governed in a manner that represents and includes all Texans.

Do not mess with Texas non-profits. **We urge you to vote NO on HB 4852 / SB 2340.**

Respectfully,

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