



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

TESTIMONY
Senate Committee on Natural Resources
SB 1541
March 24, 2009

The League of Women Voters of Texas **SUPPORTS SB 1541** by Senator Mario Gallegos. A similar bill was introduced in the 80th Legislature, which we also supported.

Our support is based on:

- The establishment of a pollutant watch list for each geographic area of the state for each pollutant that either individually or cumulatively will cause short-term or long-term health effects.
- Direction to the TCEQ to adopt guidelines for effects screening levels for air contaminants based on the short-term and long-term exposure to the contaminant which does not increase the risk of cancer in a person exposed to the air contaminant greater than one chance in 100,000.
- We suggest that the exposure be changed to one chance in 1,000,000, however. This measure has been shown to be the best protection of public health.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.