



TESTIMONY
HB 3428
House Committee on Environmental Regulation
April 1, 2009

The League of Women Voters of Texas **SUPPORTS HB 3428** by Representative Ana Hernandez.

HB 3428 establishes an Air Pollutant Watch List and requires the TCEQ to set Effects Screening Levels. In addition it allows the TCEQ to

- Hold a public hearing in an area listed on the air pollutant watch list
- Provide the residents for the reasons for the area's inclusion on the air pollutant watch list
- Inform the residents of the area what action the TCEQ is taking to reduce the emissions of air contaminants contributing to the area's inclusion on the watch list

This bill also requires that the effects screening levels be set at a level that does not increase the risk of cancer by the contaminant by more than one chance in 100,000. Again, we would suggest that one chance in 1,000,000 would be more protective of public health.

We strongly encourage members of the Environmental Regulation Committee to support this bill, with the change that we have suggested.

Thank you.