



**TESTIMONY**  
**HB 557**  
**House Committee on Environmental Regulation**  
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The League of Women Voters of Texas **SUPPORTS HB 557** by Representative Ana Hernandez.

This bill establishes an Air Pollutant Watch list for various geographic areas of the state. Pollutants to be included in the watch list include air contaminants for which the TCEQ has established standards or effects screening levels. Furthermore, the determining factors for those geographic areas shall be those areas in which ambient air quality data indicates that the individual or cumulative emissions of one or more of the air contaminants identified above may cause short-term or long-term health effects.

The primary goal of the TCEQ is protection of public health. Identifying those areas of the state which may have pollutant levels, either individually or cumulatively, which could harm public health is essential for positive action to occur.

We strongly encourage members of the Environmental Regulation Committee to support this bill.

Thank you.