



**League of Women Voters
of Texas**

**TESTIMONY
HB 2497
House Committee on Environmental Regulation
April 15, 2009**

The League of Women Voters of Texas **SUPPORTS HB 2497** by Representative Jim Dunnam.

HB 2497 requires TCEQ to reduce nitrogen oxides of coal plants built after 2009 that contribute to an area being designated a non-attainment area. The TCEQ shall determine if the plant emits nitrogen oxides at a rate greater than 0.02 pounds per million British thermal units and if that rate contributed to the area being in non-attainment. If so, the TCEQ shall require the plant to reduce the nitrogen oxide emissions to the extent technically feasible.

Nitrogen oxides are harmful in and of themselves, and they also contribute to the formation of ozone. This bill is on the right tract to reduce ozone in our non-attainment areas.

We are very supportive of this bill and urge the members of the committee to vote for approval.

Thank you