



**League of Women Voters  
of Texas**

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**TESTIMONY  
HB 4085  
House Committee on Environmental Regulation  
APRIL 29, 2009**

The League of Women Voters of Texas SUPPORTS HB 4085 by Representative Jessica Farrar.

HB 4085 provides for monitoring of major sources, using the federal definition for “major sources.”

The monitoring of these major sources is to be at the fence-line with one monitor being primarily upwind and one primarily downwind of the source. Furthermore, the maximum distance between monitors is to be no more than one-eighth of a mile, and the monitors are to be placed where air contaminants have their highest concentration levels. All hazardous air pollutants are to be monitored, and the TCEQ may examine the monitors and the records relating thereto.

Monitoring of hazardous air pollutants is absolutely necessary to determine the extent of emissions. Fence-line monitoring of major sources is an excellent first step in determining the full extent of these hazardous emissions.

We encourage your support of this bill.