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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY RESOURCES RE: HB 1556

The League of Women Voters of Texas (LWV-TX) thanks you for this opportunity to share our support for HB 1556.

HB 1556 prohibits the Railroad Commission from issuing a gas well permit for wells within 1,200 ft. of a public school. This would provide parents of school-aged public school children some assurance that their children will be safe from possible failures at gas well sites near their schools. It would also reduce the health impacts of potentially harmful air emissions at drill sites. Our children are more vulnerable to the harmful air emissions than adults. Expanding the distance from schools to such drill sites is a common-sense solution to protect our youth.

We agree that protecting our children is of utmost importance and support HB 1556.