



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF TEXAS**

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**House Committee on Environmental Regulation re HB 1981  
MARCH 16, 2011**

The League of Women Voters of Texas (LWV-TX) SUPPORTS HB 1981 by Representative Wayne Smith, establishing an air pollutant watch list and requiring that guidelines be established for effects screening levels.

LWV-TX has long supported the establishment of an air pollutant watch list and we are pleased that Chairman Smith has proposed such a list in this legislation. While this portion of the bill is much like HB 119 by Alma Allen, we note that this bill is permissive with regard to holding a public meeting. We would, of course, prefer that a public meeting be required.

With regard to effects screening levels, a cancer risk level of one in 1,000,000 has been shown to be much more effective than one in 100,000. LWV-TX requests that you consider this change.

We also support the establishment of an online centralized database for emissions events which is easily searchable and accessible to the public.

LWV-TX urges the committee to pass this bill on to the House with a recommendation for a favorable vote.