

Statement of Laura Blackburn
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before the
House Committee on Environmental Regulation
Regarding SB 1924 by Senator Mario Gallegos
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The League of Women Voters of Texas is happy to support SB 1924 by Senator Mario Gallegos. We have long supported air quality issues in Texas, and establishing an Air Pollutant Watch List is an effective way to identify and bring attention to those air pollutants that produce either short-term or long-term health effects in the various geographical areas of this diverse state.

The bill further states that these air contaminants may be established on the basis of either federal or state ambient air quality standards or effects screening levels.

The requirement for public meetings in the various geographical areas concerning addition to or removal from air pollutants from the Watch List as well as inclusion or removal of a geographic area are also positive additions as is the requirement for an annual report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the House of Representatives.

We encourage you to vote for this bill and send it to the full House.

Thank you.