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Dear GEAA members,

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Check out our first entry about the House Natural Resources Committee hearing on HB 595 and HB 1508, which would prohibit discharge of sewage effluent and pollutants into waterways that recharge the Edwards.

The testimony by David Leibowitz and Valinda Bolton in support of the bills they filed - (respectively) HB 595 and HB 1508 - was educational and inspirational, as was all the testimony by the experts in support of this important legislation. Thanks so much to the City of Austin, Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District, Raymond Slade on behalf of GEAA and HCA, Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, Mayor Bob Lee of Castroville, and Randy Johnson of the San Geronimo Valley Alliance, for their support and compelling testimony. Thanks, too, to the Edwards Aquifer Authority for registering their support.

Also of interest are comments by a couple of our regional legislators who serve on that committee. A tip of the hat to Trey Martinez Fischer! If he represents you, thanks are in order. If Doug Miller is your representative, take a good look at his participation during the hearing and [contact him](#) to urge his support of HB 595 and HB 1508.

Present but silent at the hearing was San Antonio Water Systems. We need your help in getting SAWS to actively support this legislation. Stay tuned for more on this.

Rather than spamming you with updates on our legislative agenda, please add [GEAA's blog](#) to your favorites and check in at your convenience. Thanks to all our members for their support. We couldn't do it without you.

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