

Dear GEAA members and friends,

As session winds down still more bad amendments are winding thier way towards passage. Yesterday Rep. Dennis Bonnen [Dist. 25 (R) Angleton] unexpectedly put an amendment on an already bad (but limited) bill - SB 875. Unlike many of the bad amendments being attached this session, Bonnen's amendment was never a bill, and thus never had a hearing to afford an opportunity for public comment.

Bonnen's amendment will give polluters immunity for personal injury and property damage by changing the civil practice and Remedies code that applies to all nuisance actions - taking away the right of individuals, farmers, ranchers, businesses and local governments to protect their property from pollution. A nuisance, in legal terms, is an unreasonable interference with the use or enjoyment of your property. To prevent a polluter from destroying your land, you can now bring what is called a *nuisance action* to get them to stop and to pay for damages to your property. But, not anymore if the House version of SB 875 becomes law.

I just watched with dread as Bonnen's amendment passed on the third reading in the house, despite a majority vote by the House to reject the amendment. Check out [our website](#) for a video of the discussion on the House floor.

Please [contact your State Senator](#) today or tomorrow to ask them **not to concur with the House version of SB 875 because of the Bonnen amendment.**

Given that the 82nd Legislative session ends Monday, I sincerely hope that I will not have to call your attention to more bad legislation being amended on to bills already in the pipeline for passage. I am very grateful to all of you for taking action, and assure you that your calls and e-mails really do make a difference.

Thank you!

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