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*House Environmental Regulation Committee Written Testimony*  
*Support Bill HB 1598*

Dear Chairman Landgraf and Members of the House Environmental Regulation Committee,

The business community in Texas appreciates how you and your colleagues are working to ensure Texas is the best place to do business while protecting our environment.

TAB is the Texas State Chamber and the state affiliate for the National Association of Manufacturers. TAB represents members across every industry sector and size, and our local chamber partners across the state. On behalf of nearly over 1,000 job creators and over 200 chambers of commerce, TAB supports HB 1598.

Solid waste is a service that is essential and critical for families, businesses, and major manufacturing industries. Solid waste services deserve to operate without a patchwork of costly and inconsistent regulations. HB 1598 does just that.

Currently, local governments are able to determine the location of solid waste facilities without additional authority to ban or impose stringent requirements for these facilities that are not consistent with TCEQ and state laws. However, some political subdivisions are creating additional rules that prohibit locations of solid waste facilities, specifically near their property.

Political subdivisions should not have the authority to develop and enforce rules that are not consistent with TCEQ and state regulations. HB 1598 prevents these entities from overstepping their authority. HB 1598 ensures seamless solid waste service operations, which ultimately helps the people and businesses operating in Texas.

TAB greatly appreciates Representative Darby for authoring this bill as well as Chairman Landgraf and the Committee for their consideration. TAB is available as a resource to the Committee whenever needed.

Sincerely,

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