

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SB 149

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

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Keith Sledd, Executive Director / Chair

Heart of Texas Defense Alliance / Texas Governor's Committee to Support the Military

Gatesville, TX

This bill adds essential facilities including military installations to the list of facilities defined as Critical Infrastructure in order to prohibit operation of unmanned aircraft over these facilities. The rapid proliferation of all types and sizes of unmanned aircraft has outpaced the current regulatory framework. This bill makes critical additions to the Government Code to enhance safety of citizens, authorized aircraft, and facilities by preventing encroachment of non-governmental unmanned aircraft over military installations and other critical facilities. This bill will improve not only safety but the security of these important installations. Recommend passage of this bill.