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Submitted to the Committee on Pensions, Investments & Financial Services
For HB 445

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Hearing Date: April 19, 2023 8:00 AM

James deCocq
Self, retired
Georgetown, TX

As a registered voter in Williamson County and a 28 year Texas resident, I strongly support this bill.

Cassandra Dullea
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Richmond, TX

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Frank Skrabits, Mr.
The Skrabits's family.
Amarillo, TX

All financial bills, including the bill supporting Texas Independence.

Scott Heselmeyer
Williamson County
Georgetown, TX

I am the County Treasurer in Williamson County. Part of my role as County Treasurer is to manage bond funds between the time of bond issuance and actual expenditure.

HB 445 would make county road bond projects virtually impossible. Road bond packages are completed over a number of years. During that time, realities change - particularly involving cost. In Williamson County, a bond was passed in 2018 for several road projects. Inflation costs were built in; however, costs - particularly right of way costs - have increased far beyond what could have been predicted. All of the individual projects now cost more than could have been predicted when the bonds were approved. Also, in reality, bonds are sold, interest cost begins, and the proceeds are spent over a number of years as projects are completed. Without the ability to reallocate costs between projects within the bond package, then the county would have issued bonds and paid interest for several years without the ability to finish any of the projects. The bill fails to recognize the realities of construction projects, especially in rapidly growing areas.

Mike Jolly
Self
Midland, TX

BLOCK DIGITAL CURRENCY AGENDA!

Israel Murillo
Self
Katy, TX

I support this we need accountability and transparency.