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Submitted to the Committee on Environmental Regulation
For HB 3210

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Jack Eannarelli

Self

Spring, TX

Please do all you can to help Texas recycle and not be so Trashy!! Thank you

Marcy Morelli

Self

Spring, TX

I would be so proud of Texas if we could get this bill passed. We Texans are horrible at recycling. It is time to get it done. Thank you

Jan Glazner

self

Houston, TX

I support recycling and a clean environment

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GALVESTON, TX

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Wanda Sturrock
self
Hallettsville, TX

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Owen Dunn
Self, video producer
Houston, TX

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Gerrye Fielden, Mrs
self - retired
Pittsburg, TX

We need local recycling!

Liz LaFour, Mrs
Self. Retiree
Van Vleck, TX

Please pass the bill to recycle and help save our planet

Elizabeth Dukes
self /retired
Houston, TX

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George Baggs
Self
Port Arthur, TX

Please co-sponsor and/or support this worthwhile bill. Thank You

Robin Conway, Mrs.
Self
Timpson, TX

Please consider making Texas a recycling State.

Laura Parker
Self
Cleburne, TX

Reducing waste products through recycling is something easy enough anyone can do it, and the rewards are many. I currently participate in a recycling program and feel good about the role I play in protecting our environment. The cost is very small and the work is minimal.

Anne Hollows
Unity of Wimberley
Wimberley, TX

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Carrie Foster, Ms
Foster Brothers
Belton, TX

Please help us preserve natural waterways - my land no longer gets free flowing water -

Josh Lewis
Self
Ovilla, TX

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Elena Berg
Self
McKinney, TX

I support this bill because I believe it will help increase Texas' already low recycling rate of 27.5%. Many other states are much higher. Let's take steps to improve it. Please vote favorably.

Clara Berg
Cub Scout Pack 531
McKinney, TX

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Janet Townsend

Self

Alvin, TX

I am in favor of recycling. It will reduce pollution, reduce roadside trash, cut down on landfill needs, and provide jobs.

Michele Burke

Self

CYPRESS, TX

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Lesli Ridgway

self

Weatherford, TX

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Lawrence Meyer

Self. Nio EarthTrust

Livingston, TX

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Anne Sadtler, Mrs

Self

Pearland, TX

Sound like it will help the environment! I'm for taking care of our natural resources and stopping pollution.

Thank you

Richard Cate

Self

Houston, TX

I have been working on reducing trash and litter in Houston's bayous for the past 10 years. This bill would be a giant step forward with in accomplishing those goals.

Ashley Hayden
Texans for clean water
Seabrook, TX

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Kimberly Smith
Self
Port Aransas, TX

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TIMOTHY DRAKE
Self
Anahuac, TX

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Lora Cline
None
Wharton, TX
Please consider

Pamela Libgerfelt
Self
Temple, TX

Please vote yes to save our texas water

Marjorie Merritt
self/dental hygienist (retired)
Magnolia, TX

Please pass this bill. Recycling program will not only help our environment and keep Texas beautiful, it will further stimulate the economy.

James Estes

Self

Abilene, TX

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Rebecca Davio, Dr

Self

San Marcos, TX

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Jessica Wilbur

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LEAGUE CITY, TX

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Erin Walton

self / marketing manager

Azle, TX

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Rhonda Caudle

Self / School Bus driver / Retired

Maud, TX

The litter is becoming so bad and our law enforcement have too much to follow and deal with besides ticketing litter bugs. Our highways are becoming nasty as there are so few places to go with litter. We need desperately to have a place to go with our garbage besides the sides of the roads. In addition to cleaning our roadways growing our economy is a win/win.

Nina Knight
retired
Santa Fe, TX

I think this would be beneficial for all of Texas

Tyler Ray Cooke Hayden
Texans for clean water
Galveston, TX

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Jennifer Seale
Self
CONROE, TX

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Ruthie Weller
Self
Woodway, TX

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Self
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Bonnie Giddens
self
San Antonio, TX

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Andreas Lorenz
self
Houston, TX

I support this bill because of its impact on our environment as well as our economy. Not often is there a measure that so clearly has a positive impact on both.

Jo Ann Kimmel
Retired Educator.
Boerne, TX

I see so much waste such as plastics, and cardboard that can be recycled. We must do better, for ourselves and future generations. Please pass HB 3210.

Kelly Martin
Self, federal employee
Houston, TX

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Patsy Gillham
Self Retired
Cypress, TX

Nature has flourished for all these decades because there is no waste in nature. By replicating such a model in Texas we will help create a step in the right direction. It would be a beginning. This advisory committee will be an efficient way to get the ball into the hoop! Pls support HB3210.

Mindy Bradburn
Texans for Clean Water
The Woodlands, TX

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LEA FAULKES

self

Big Spring, TX

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Carolyn Lux

Self/retired nurse

Fredericksburg, TX

I am not in favor of this bill. Recycling has been a failure. Most single use plastic ends up in the huge island of plastic off the coast of Australia after being shipped to China. We need to adopt a moratorium on single use plastics and styrofoam, which is not recyclable and takes for ever to decompose. The state should force dumping and litter laws already on the books. "Don't mess with Texas."

Barb Lewandowski

Self

Woodway, TX

Pass this bill please so important

Gail Tatum

Water Conservation

New Braunfels, TX

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Robert Clarke, LTC (RET)

Self, Retired

Hockley, TX

I drive Uber every morning in Houston. I pass by so many empty plastic bottles on the streets by the side of the road. We can do better. Plastic needs to be recycled.

Thank you!

Edwin Singleton

Self / Recycling Supervisor

La Porte, TX

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Derald Mccabe
Texans for Clean Water
Katy, TX

Personally I think the pollution in water that cant be seen is far more important to deal with than debris that you can see. There are methods being developed which will remove the pollutants that make us sick.

Nancy Peterson
Myself
Eules, TX

Let's get Texas Recycling! Save money on litter. I am for clean water and landscapes! Statewide recycling makes sense! Other states have done it. Let's be a leader for a clean earth. I was in Egypt recently and was so disgusted by all the litter and trash everywhere. Don't mess with Texas!

Joseph Lengfellner
Self
Tomball, TX

Texas leads the nation in so many other things, but not keeping our public lands and water ways clean. We can do better. And we can do it in a very economically beneficial way with this bill. Please give a "thumbs up" to HB 3210 by Thompson, and a thumbs up to Texas!

Scott Burke
Self
Cypress, TX

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Karen Freyer, Ms.
Myself
Amarillo, TX

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Mark Youtsey
Retired
Weatherford, TX

I support this bill. Please move this out of Committee and onto the House Floor for a vote.
Thank you.

Mary Boone
- None -
Arlington, TX

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Gayle Costello
Self
Midlothian, TX

Clean water for present and future texans

Barbara Henry
self/homemaker
Dallas, TX

I have been recycling for 35 years and it should be something everyone in the country should do if they care about our planet.

Edith H Johnson
NA
Houston, TX

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Yheresa Bradbury, Ms

Self

Marlin, TX

Clean water is vital to our survival

Lois Chetwood

Self

San Antonio, TX

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Carolyn Martin

self

Cypress, TX

Yes we need this recycling bill in Texas.

Theresa Bradbury, Ms

Self

Marlin, TX

Vital for our survival

Asher McNicol

Self - Sr. Data Analyst

San Antonio, TX

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Shelly Milas

Self, Controller

Houston, TX

Dear Members of the Environmental Regulation Committee: ?We need to do more in regards to recycling here in Texas. I'm lucky to have recycling in my neighborhood but it is limited and does not take glass and may other items. I think Texans are willing to help but we need a place to start. HB 3210 is a win/win for our Texas economy and our environment. Recycling in Texas already accounts for nearly \$5 billion annually. Meanwhile, the cost to taxpayers of addressing litter and illegal dumping is around \$125 million per year. Other states have been able to reduce litter by up to 50% through recycling programs, just like the one proposed in HB 3210. By passing it, we could potentially grow our economy by billions while also protecting our lakes, rivers, roadways, waterways, fish, livestock, and wildlife. Please report this bill favorably and send it to the House floor! Thank you, Shelly Milas

FRANCIS BLAKE, Mr.

self

Houston, TX

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Leisha Mazanec

Upper Trinity GCD

Paradise, TX

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Krystal Hughes

Myself, executive spa director

Midlothian, TX

For it!

Robert Dowler

Self- retired

San Angelo, TX

I I fully support the passage of this bill to minimize illegal dumping and litter while increasing the economic benefits to Texas by increasing recycling. Please report this bill favorably and send it to the House floor.

Martha Maher

Texans for Clean Water

Haltom City, TX

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Nancy Crumpton, Ms

self

Waxahachie, TX

We need better plan to get and keep Texas waters clean and at a affordable price.

Natalie Nava
Self
Fort Worth, TX

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Linda M Bohls
Self - your voting citizens
Boerne, TX

God bless Texas and help us keep her as God's blessed creation.

Paula Dowler
Self- retired
San Angelo, TX

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Lem Brown
self
elm mott, TX

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Suzanne Kho
self/ nonprofit Executive Director
Austin, TX

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Miquel Correll
Self
Houston, TX

Please help us clean up litter and keep trash out of our bayous and streams

Brittani Flowers
Bayou Preservation Association
Houston, TX

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Regina DANLEY
self, retired
Center, TX

Our children and grandchildren deserve the results of this bill.

Andrew Krauss
Self, biologist
Hitchcock, TX

Please pass this badly needed state recycling bill that will help to clean up our waterways and prevent microplastic chemicals from contaminating our drinking water and from causing harm to the health of Texans.

Jo Ann Kimmel
Retired Educator
Boerne, TX

Pass this bill, we cannot keep filling our landfills with plastics and cardboard that can be recycled. Shameful for Texas if HB 3210 is not passed.

Lisa Kolaja
Self
Cypress, TX

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Mary Ann CooperG
Self/sortation associate
Grand Prairie, TX

We need clean water.

Maia Corbitt
Texans for Clean Water
Austin, TX

Texas is in the bottom 10 states for recycling and costs to the state and local communities for litter abatement are well over \$125M per year. Increasing recycling rates in Texas would significantly help industries needing bottles and cans for recycling and substantially reduce litter on Texas roadway and waterways.

Rachel Castellano
Texans for Clean Water
Deer Park, TX

If we continue to put more than a monetary value to our Texas Landscapes and Waterways by recycling, we will in effect add value to our land and water as it becomes harder to find natural resources that are no longer sustainable. This is a critical measure to take because in the near future, the value of water will be higher than gas or oil if we do not protect what we have. We cannot allow our resources to be compromised.

Ryan Francisco
Bayou Preservation Association
Houston, TX

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Woody Raine
self
Smithville, TX

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I coordinate litter cleanup projects in and around Smithville twice per year. Even around a small town in a rural area, the amount of litter that could be recycled is astounding. It comprises nearly half of what we collect.

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Thanks!

Paul Ray Jr
self - regional manager
Spring, TX

I am from Michigan, and in the 70s we passed a similar law. Even as a teen I could see the positive impact on the state. I have been an advocate for this since I moved here in 2010, and to me this is a non-partisan issue and can provide a great example of responsibility and even show the rest of America that we mean it when we say "Don't Mess With Texas."

Paul Ray Jr
detroitmedical@yahoo.com

Brian Hasenbauer

Climate Reality

Dallas, TX

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S.E. Greene

Self

Tyler, TX

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Marcus Haner

Self

Hewitt, TX

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Valerie Moore

self/teacher

Silsbee, TX

I strongly urge for the passing of recycling bill for the great state of Texas! We are a leader in so many other areas, and would like to see us take the initiative to save raw materials and help do our part to keep coastline and other areas of the beautiful state of Texas clean and our landfills reduced!

Cecilia Longoria

Harris County Attorney's Office

Liberty, TX

Dear Members: Please support HB 3210. This bill will cut the amount of litter and waste. Please report this bill favorably and send it to the House floor.

Phillip Golden, MSgt

USAF (Retired)

Whitney, TX

Pass HB 3210

Anita Carter
Fish Creek Cleanup Challenge
ARLINGTON, TX

I am the founder and coordinator of the annual Fish Creek Cleanup Challenge. The lifetime numbers of the Fish Creek Cleanup Challenge are 2,626 volunteers removing over 65,820 pounds of litter from Fish Creek. The litter and trash come from various sources from illegal dumping, litter from local highways and roads, and storms with winds that blow over trash cans, critters tearing bags open that are out for collection, accidentally flies out of the back of a truck, releasing of balloons and so much more. Much of the trash that has been picked up are recyclable items. I also drive a lot as I have family in other states such as CO, KS, and NC. Without a doubt, Texas has the most litter along it's highways, roads, and watersheds. We need to do something!

People see what they throw out as having no value. If we can give value to it by recycling, then it would be common sense that there would be less littering.

Litter will decrease property value. No one wants to buy a home or land that is somewhere inundated by litter. Area's with more litter have increased crime. Criminals see it as an opportunity because the people that live there obviously don't care. And litter can also cause illnesses. Rodents and other animals that carry rabies, ticks, fleas and other insects that carry diseases that are harmful to people. There are so many benefits to a recycling program to help curtail the litter and provide an economic boost to our state economy.

Respectfully,
Anita Carter
USMC Veteran

Lenna Ward
N/A
El Paso, TX

Please help pass HB-3210 to improve our State

Laurie Reagan
Keep It Real Beautiful
Leakey, TX

Dear Members of the Environmental Regulation Committee: ?

As a Volunteer in a struggling recycling town, I agree with the statement:

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Also, there needs to be a tax on wildlife corn sold, at lease in Real and Edwards Counties. The # of bags (blown or thrown) out of pickups around here is atrocious. We pick them up on our TXDot Highway Cleanups. Boo on trashy hunters.

Bryan Wallace

Self

Alvin, TX

As a stake holder with board level experience in the recycling industry, I cringe when a governmental entity engages in the implementation of a plan that's not driven by market demand. I applaud this legislature for requiring committee level participation by recyclers. The recycling world is continuously evolving and new technologies are rolling out annually that make sorting and separating of materials more efficient. This committee, as proposed, should be given the ability to assist recyclers collect and process the targeted items in a cost effective manner that will build new partnerships and develop profitable businesses with deep community based roots.

HOWEVER: If the goal of this committee becomes that of an enforcement agency with a punitive culture toward businesses, then I would be very opposed to using public funds to build such an organization.

Carolyn Casy

All About You w/OMG & Friends podcast

Houston, TX

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Kelley Tumas

Self

Whitney, TX

Pass

Heather Nick

American Planning Association - Texas Chapter

Tyler, TX

My name is Heather Nick, and I represent the American Planning Association – Texas Chapter, and we are testifying in support of HB 3210. The Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association (APATX) represents public and private sector planners, planning academics and students, elected officials, and citizen planners in the great state of Texas.

APATX is writing to you to urge your support of the enactment of legislation that creates the Texas Cleaner Landscapes for the Economy, Agriculture, and Nature (CLEAN) Advisory Council. The CLEAN Advisory Council would be responsible for developing and implementing a program to reduce litter and develop a carryout bag recycling and reduction program. This program would be a critical step in reducing waste and protecting the environment for all Texans.

The CLEAN Advisory Council would bring together stakeholders from various sectors, including business, agriculture, and environmental groups, to develop a comprehensive program to reduce litter and promote the recycling and reduction of carryout bags. By working together, these stakeholders can develop innovative solutions to reduce waste and promote sustainability. The carryout bag recycling and reduction program would help to reduce the amount of plastic waste that ends up in landfills and waterways. This program would encourage businesses to use more sustainable packaging options and promote the recycling of plastic bags. By reducing the amount of plastic waste, we can protect our environment and promote a more sustainable future for Texas.

Furthermore, the CLEAN Advisory Council would provide new opportunities for job creation and economic growth. By investing in the infrastructure and technology necessary to reduce litter and promote recycling, we can create new jobs and boost economic activity in our state.

In conclusion, I urge you to support the enactment of legislation that creates the Texas Cleaner Landscapes for the Economy, Agriculture, and Nature (CLEAN) Advisory Council. This program would be a critical step in reducing waste, protecting the environment, and promoting a more sustainable future for Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Nick, AICP, MPA

Chapter President, APA Texas Chapter

John Lohman

Self

Houston, TX

Please support this bill to increase recycling for our communities and environment.