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For HB 4047

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There is absolutely no guarantee that mining uranium deposits in Texas might reduce the nation's dependence on foreign sources of uranium. This is not a path we should be pursuing. Any uranium mined in Texas can be sold on the world market just like the oil and gas that is extracted in Texas. Oil and gas fracking was supposed to make Texas energy independent, but it did not. During Winter Storm Uri, when Texas was begging for oil and gas produced right in our own state to keep Texans from freezing to death, that gas continued to be loaded on to LNG ships and sent off shore to whoever had reserved it. Mining or extracting resources in the USA never guarantees that they will stay in the USA, even in times of great need. Uranium is a global business and the national interests of the US or state interests of Texas will not come in to play. Furthermore, uranium mining has a horrible decades-long history in Texas, which left a legacy of toxic radioactive contamination. Texas doesn't need contaminated aquifers and drinking water! Uranium mining in Texas should not be supported by the study this bill would require. Do not pass this bill to study something that is an empty promise. Also, mining uranium, if it is done, is a deadly promise for radioactive contamination. Thank you.

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The stated purpose of the study described in HB 4047 would be to support uranium mining in Texas and determine if the uranium in the state would reduce U.S. dependence on foreign uranium. Uranium mining has been very polluting in our state and we shouldn't add to that pollution. This type of mining is very dirty and has an irreversible impact on groundwater. It would just further pollute the Eagle Ford Shale region and would harm communities and other industry there. Please vote "No" on this bill.

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Please vote "no" on HB 4047 since the stated purpose is to support uranium mining in Texas. We should not be pursuing such. Texas does not need contaminated aquifers and drinking water.