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For HJR 9

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Hearing Date: March 8, 2023 8:00 AM

Judith McGeary
Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance
Cameron, TX

The Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance supports HJR 9 by Representative Landgraf for the reasons we testified to in support on HB 92. While regulations that address legitimate health and safety issues are appropriate, the government's power to regulate needs to respect individuals' rights to provide for food and other basic necessities for themselves and their families.

Deborah Hindman
Self
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

Raising chickens at home necessitates curtailing rising inflation for groceries and is self sustaining food source.

Dana Crawford
Self IT
Orange, TX

In favor

hailey Winslow
Home made texas
New Caney, TX

I support all bills allowing residents to be more self sufficient on their own property, even within an over reaching HOA!

Jenna Vorhes
SELF - homemaker, homesteader
Santa Fe, TX

As a proud Texan, I want to voice my support of HJR 9 being added as a constitutional amendment. In our great state we should all have the freedom to secure basic needs like food, water, power and shelter. With those things, we can thrive. Without them, we are at the mercy of others and are ultimately powerless to provide for ourselves.

Stephanie Alvarenga

Self

Comanche, TX

As we have seen during the Pandemic, economic inflation, and rising unemployment rates, Texans NEED to be self sufficient. Prohibiting the most basic acts of self sufficiency is essentially denying Texans the right to live and is, in a word, Un-Texan. Please vote to pass this bill.

Tabitha Davidson

Self- home baker

Frisco, TX

Food security is a basic human right, and this bill will allow more people to have access to food by growing/raising their own. Please support HJR 9.

Patricia Streeter

Self

Helotes, TX

I support this bill. Property owners should be able to use their property to secure basic needs.

Shastina Sandman

Self

Flower Mound, TX

We should have the right to our own livestock in communities with HOAs. There is no difference between one neighborhood to the other. We are being discriminated against by having an HOA to tell us how to live our lives and not allowing us the right to feed our families when the store chains are low also requiring us to rely on big box stores for eggs, fruit, and vegetables, etc.

Mary Jane Bell

Self

Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

Allowing homeowners to raise chickens and other livestock formally prohibited in neighborhoods could cause the the entire look of the neighborhood to change and value of homes to go down. Let established neighborhoods keep the restrictions that were present when the owners bought their homes.

Melanie Masten

Self. Software Developer

Cypress, TX

As a visually impaired person who cannot drive, I strongly support this amendment. It will allow me to access the services and walkability that only an HOA neighborhood provides and increase food accessibility. Obtaining food now requires me to pay extra for delivery or ride services, extra planning and time, walking long distances without sidewalks, or reliance on other people.

Chickens are natural complements to a vegetable garden. They can be sustained without feed, foraging for their nutrition and fed kitchen scraps. They are natural pest control, and can speed up the composting process which in turn nourishes the garden.

This amendment is not just about chickens, but about giving people the right to provide food, security, and self reliance for their family on the land that they own.

Texas has always been unabashedly independent, it's time that its residents felt that independence on the most granular level.

The amendment will grant me the ability to grow my own meat and vegetables on my own property, I can be afforded the same food security felt by your average person who can drive and can regain some independence that has been stripped from me by factors I cannot control.

Kelley Masters, President

Homemade Texas

Cedar Park, TX

Homemade Texas is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that advocates for home independence and entrepreneurship. As such, HJR 9 is as closely aligned with our mission statement as it is possible for a piece of legislation to be. Texans cannot be left helpless as the world changes around us - we must be empowered to provide for ourselves in our own homes. HOA and municipal regulations are often focused on aesthetics or outdated concepts of what a "nice" neighborhood looks like. Texas can be a nationwide leader in property rights by passing HJR 9. Texans are not helpless; we are strong and independent and can provide for ourselves when not burdened by unreasonable rules and regulations.

hailey Winslow

My suburban homestead

New Caney, TX

I'm in favor, this would be life changing for so many residents!

Blaire Schuetz-Coakley

Self & ballet instructor

Conroe, TX

There can be rules for sanitary measures to keep yards clean, safe and smell free from chickens. Please let us all have the right to make our own food, life was better and healthier back when people could feed themselves. Relying on government only benefits higher ups- it doesn't help the people.

Melanie Vitovsky

Self

Cypress, TX

Please support this bill. The advantages far outweigh the disadvantages, and as long as it's not a nuisance to the neighbors, should be allowed. Nuisance can be defined on an individual case by case scenario just as noise is. PLEASE support this bill.

Justin Vitovsky

Self

Cypress, TX

Texans should be able to be self sufficient. HOAs should not have to right to not allow a small number of poultry providing eggs and meat for a family providing it's not a nuisance.

Robert Spang

Self

Cypress, TX

Over the last three years we have experienced unprecedented supply chain interruptions, asked to stay at home, increases in the cost of food, electricity, natural gas and vehicle fuels. More recently, the quantity, quality and variety of food in grocery stores has sharply decreased. In particular vegetables, eggs and meat. Every Texan should have the guaranteed right to grow their own food. O one state, local or neighborhood associations should be able to prevent this.

Pedro Reyna

Self

San Antonio, TX

The need for food sustainability seems to be an ever growing demand with the amount of issues we have experienced over the past few years. With the increase in population density, especially in urban centers which doesn't seem to be diminishing any time soon. It seems that the ability for a person or family to feed themselves even if it's just a few eggs shouldn't be prevented by any authority. Much like other animals that are cared for in the private homes/property of people, Chickens are really no different. Caring for a pet and a chicken are quite similar, feed, water, and proper accommodations must be met.