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For HJR 5

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Joshua Schneuker  
Seguin Economic Development Corporation  
Seguin, TX

My name is Joshua Schneuker, and I serve as the Executive Director of the Seguin Economic Development Corporation. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HJR 5.

Texas State Technical College (TSTC) is a vital institution that provides hands-on technical training for high-demand industries across the state. Its programs are essential for developing a skilled workforce and supporting economic growth in Texas. However, funding limitations have restricted TSTC's ability to expand its programs and facilities, making it more difficult for students to access the education and training they need to secure high-quality jobs. HJR 5 would address this issue by creating dedicated funding to support TSTC's capital needs and removing outdated restrictions on its share of constitutionally dedicated higher education funding.

This legislation is especially important to Seguin and Guadalupe County, as TSTC is actively working to develop a new campus in our community. The establishment of this campus would provide significant benefits, including expanded access to technical education, a stronger workforce pipeline, and increased economic development opportunities. Seguin is home to a diverse and growing industrial base, including advanced manufacturing, automotive, and aerospace industries. These businesses require a highly skilled workforce, and a TSTC campus in Seguin would ensure that students have the opportunity to gain the necessary skills while giving employers confidence in their ability to find local talent.

Passage of HJR 5 would help facilitate and accelerate the development of the new TSTC campus in Seguin, creating long-term benefits for both students and businesses. Investing in technical education is one of the most effective ways to strengthen Texas' workforce and economy. I urge support for HJR 5 to ensure that TSTC has the resources needed to expand and enhance its programs, benefiting communities across the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Donna Dodgen  
City of Seguin  
Seguin, TX

As Mayor of the City of Seguin, I strongly support HJR 5. The creation of a Texas State Technical College (TSTC) campus in Seguin will have a significant impact on our community by providing local students with access to high-quality technical education and training. Our region has a strong manufacturing and industrial presence, and ensuring we have a skilled workforce is critical to attracting and retaining businesses. This legislation will provide the necessary resources to accelerate the development of the TSTC campus in Seguin and strengthen our workforce pipeline. I urge support for HJR 5 to help make this project a reality."

If you have any questions or need assistance with your submission, please don't hesitate to reach out.  
Thank you for your support!

Elaine Bennett, CEO  
Guadalupe Regional Medical Foundation  
Seguin, TX

As vice president of the Seguin Economic Development Corporation and the CEO of the Guadalupe Regional Medical Foundation, I fully support HJR 5. We have been advocating for the creation of the Texas State Technical College in Seguin for many years, realizing the positive ripple effects it could provide for our rapidly growing city. It would serve the young people of our community by providing them with an affordable and usable education that will easily translate into career opportunities. A base of qualified employees will benefit the dozens of manufacturers, healthcare providers, and retail businesses who need these skills in our workforce. The economic benefit to our wider community would be immediate and long-lasting. The proposed legislation is a win-win investment for all involved, and I enthusiastically endorse its passage.

Patricia Cummings  
Self  
Lorena, TX  
Oppose

Shannon Noble  
Texas Air Conditioning Contractors Association  
Austin, TX

The Texas Air Conditioning Contractors Association supports HJR 5. TSTC continues to be a leader in preparing students for the workplace, and has a robust HVAC education and training program, providing Texas air conditioning contractors with a qualified workforce around the state. Thank you.

KATHY TURNER  
SELF  
McGregor, TX

I oppose this proposed constitutional amendment because it represents a growth in spending and government. Provide taxpayer relief instead!!!

Lisa Moore  
University of Texas  
Austin, TX

Please support this bill. HJR 5 seeks to support technical and vocational education for the Texas workforce through the establishment of two funds: the permanent technical infrastructure fund and the available workforce education fund. Graduates of the Texas State Technical College System, which would be permanently supported by these funds, take care of our infrastructure, technology, health care and other needs. This is important to the job opportunities of our youth and the wellbeing of all Texans.

Julie Croy, Mrs  
Self  
China Spring, TX  
OPPOSE

Angela Granger  
Self  
Lorena, TX

I OPPOSE! We do NOT need more government spending in this area!

Denise CULLENS  
Self  
Axtell, TX

I know I'm late, but I am opposed to the expansion of gov spending!

THEODORE CROY  
self/ Physical Therapist/ Professor  
China Spring, TX

Oppose

Tess Coody-Anders  
Self/Seguin Economic Development Corporation  
Seguin, TX

As a Seguin small business owner and board member of the Seguin Economic Development Corporation, I strongly support HJR 5. It is vital that we continue to grow available, skilled labor for the advanced manufacturing opportunities that will continue to present themselves in our area. It's equally vital the economic wellbeing of our community that we provide residents opportunities to up-skill and re-skill, and TSTC's campus will be an important link in the educational continuum we are building here - from K12 programs to Texas Lutheran University. We have an opportunity to create a powerhouse for advanced manufacturing here that will serve as an economic generator for the entire state. And TSTC's presence will ensure we have the skilled workforce critical to attracting and retaining businesses - here and across Texas. This legislation will provide the necessary resources to accelerate the development of the TSTC campus in Seguin and strengthen our workforce pipeline. I urge support for HJR 5 to help make this project a reality.

Susan Greene  
Self  
Lorena, TX

I oppose this bill. We need to be decreasing the size of government as well as the higher spending involved with this bill