

December 29, 2021

The Honorable Chris Turner
State Representative, District 101
Texas House of Representatives
Capitol Building, Room 4N.4
Austin, TX 78701

Re: Comments on Proposed Amendments, 34 TAC § 9.1051, § 9.1052, Limitation on Appraised Value on Certain Qualified Properties (46 Tex Reg 7866) (Nov. 19, 2021)

Dear Representative Turner,

Thank you for your comments from the Texas House Democratic Caucus on the proposed rule changes to the Chapter 313 program. We have received and recorded your remarks. As a part of the rulemaking process, my office will provide a written response to all questions received on the proposed rule change at the end of the comment period.

The proposed rule change is the beginning of a conversation on how to administer an inactive program while acknowledging that many of the agreements in the program will continue to be active for years to come. The agency is committed to providing the legislature and the public the information they need to make informed decisions regarding the manner in which tax dollars are spent.

Please let us know if you have additional questions. Thank you for reaching out to my office on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Glenn Hegar



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Good Morning Representative Turner,

Please see the attached letter from Comptroller Hegar. A copy of the letter will also be mailed today.

Thank you,

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To Comptroller Hegar:

Please see the attached letter, signed by 43 Members of the Texas House Democratic Caucus, opposing the proposed rules change to the reporting requirements for the Chapter 313 program.

Regards,

Rep. Chris Turner (HD 101)
Chair, Texas House Democratic Caucus



December 17, 2021

The Honorable Glenn Hegar
111 E 17th Street
Austin, Texas 78774

Dear Comptroller Hegar:

We the undersigned Members of the Texas House of Representatives are united in our strong opposition to your proposed rule reducing the information collected and shared on the Chapter 313 school property tax abatement program.

While the Chapter 313 program is set to expire at the end of 2022, the tax exemptions under the program will continue well into the future. In order for us as legislators to properly evaluate the program or proposals for similar programs, we need access to accurate, readily available information about the detailed impact of Chapter 313 on our economy and state and local finances. The public, whose hard-earned tax dollars subsidize this program, deserve to know that information, too.

Accordingly, we call on you to reverse course on your proposed rule change, and provide Texans transparency around this program.

Sincerely,

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Rep. Alma Allen

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Rep. Michelle Beckley

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Rep. Diego Bernal



Rep. Rhetta Andrews Bowers



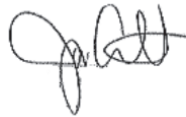
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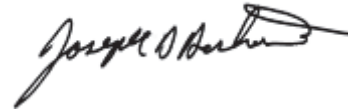
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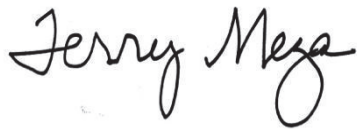
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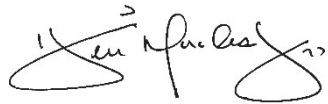
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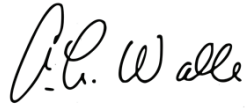
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