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Texas House of Representatives
1100 Congress Ave
Austin, Texas 78701

Members of the Texas House,

With over 50 partners representing local chambers of commerce, business associations, economic development boards, and academia, Power Up Texas exists to embrace the benefits of expanding access to clean, renewable energy. As such, we are grateful for the Texas House's efforts this session to bolster grid reliability, keep costs low for consumers, and treat all energy resources fairly.

Clean power plants help serve the state's growing population and industries and are helping facilitate the growth of traditional and emerging energy sectors nationwide and abroad. Legislation that harms these energy resources harms our communities. We are compelled, therefore, to express strong opposition to a piece of legislation that we believe will be detrimental not only to our communities, but to every Texan: Senate Bill 624.

Senate Bill 624 leaves the fate of affordable power, private property rights, and economic prosperity hanging in the balance. If this bill were to pass, landowners will have their private property rights trampled, local economies will suffer from the loss of valuable revenue, and anticipated investment will likely fall at the wayside.

Senate Bill 624 not only jeopardizes future opportunities for investment in clean energy, but many existing projects as well, meaning power purchase agreements with corporate offtakers are in peril, as well as the ability of school districts to service bond debt obligations entered into in anticipation of long-term revenue. Additionally, members of our communities already feel the impacts of sky-rocking electricity prices. If punitive proposals against renewable energy advance during the legislative session, we fear that your constituents will no longer be able to afford their electric bills.

For these reasons, we urge you to oppose severely misguided proposals like Senate Bill 624, along with other bills that harm renewable energy and the numerous economic benefits they provide our communities.

Thank you for your tireless work on behalf of the citizens of Texas, and we appreciate your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,
Members of Power Up Texas



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