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Dear Fellow Texan,

Thank you for contacting our Capitol office regarding bills pertaining to our environment filed this session. Whether you were standing up against fracking or advocating for sustainability solutions, I'd like to give you an update on a few of the environmental bills that have moved through the Legislature.

- SB 931, which would eliminate Texas's Renewable Portfolio Standard and disincentives renewable energy production, passed the Senate and may be headed to the full House soon.
- HB 1794, which would limit maximum penalties for environmental damages by companies, passed the House and is heading to the Senate. I voted against this bill.
- HB 40, which would forbid municipalities from voting on ordinances regarding oil and gas activity like fracking in their communities, unfortunately passed the House and Senate and was sent to the Governor's Desk. I voted against this bill.
- SB 1356, which provides sales tax exemptions for water-efficient products, passed the Senate and will be heading to the full House soon. I look forward to supporting this bill.

While there are many bills moving through the Legislature that put us in a worse position to defend our environment, there are bright spots to build upon. I hope we can continue to work together to protect our planet and move toward sustainable energy solutions.

Do not hesitate to contact my office at (512) 463-0821 if you ever need anything. I serve on both the Transportation and Elections committees, and our office is always available to help you on other state issues you and your family may need help with. Please know that my office is your office, as the Capitol belongs to the people of Texas.

Sinceramente,

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