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**CAMPBELL AND ZAFFIRINI VOICE JOINT OPPOSITION TO
PROPOSED LANDFILL IN GUADALUPE COUNTY**

Senators come together to protect water supply in their districts.

AUSTIN-- Senator Donna Campbell and Senator Judith Zaffirini today issued a joint statement in opposition to the proposed Post Oak Landfill in Guadalupe County east of Seguin in Senator Zaffirini's district.

Though the site is not in Senator Campbell's geographical district, she has expressed concerns regarding contamination of her constituents' water supply.

"Due to the landfill's location over the recharge zone of the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer system and the danger of rapid contamination in the area, I must oppose this project," Sen. Campbell stated. "Though the proposed site for the landfill is not in my district, many of my constituents depend on water from the aquifer and I believe this poses a threat to public safety."

"I believe it is vital that controversial projects such as this be hosted by supportive communities that consider them economic development, not in areas in which they are opposed strongly," Senator Zaffirini said.

"I am against this project because of widespread opposition from Guadalupe County residents and elected officials, whose concerns I share."

"Many of the concerns expressed relate to the integrity of the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer," Senator Zaffirini added. "Tom Melville, former District Director of the Texas Railroad Commission, has expressed strong opposition to the Post Oak Dump because unplugged oil and gas wells in the area could result in groundwater contamination. If such contamination were to occur, any runoff from the landfill would go directly into Nash Creek, which flows into the Guadalupe River. This could jeopardize the public health, safety and welfare of downstream users by polluting the drinking water supply and making the water unsafe for recreation, livestock and wildlife."

Both senators noted that it is vital that a contested case hearing be set prior to the remaining sections of the permit being approved.

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Senator Donna Campbell represents Senate District 25 which includes all or parts of Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall and Travis counties. She is a practicing emergency room physician who lives in New Braunfels with her husband and the youngest of their four daughters.