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Dear Commissioners White, Soward, and Garcia:

I am writing in regards to a proposed permit for a waste water treatment plant for the Far Hills Municipal Utility District, permit # WQ-0014555-001.

The utility district is looking to use its power of eminent domain to utilize land outside the district for this plant.

The Legislature recognized the delicate balance between the needs of growing communities and protecting the private property rights of Texans. In the 79th Regular Session, HB 1208 was passed to prevent municipal utility districts from making use of eminent domain outside the district for this purpose. However, the legislation was not extended to other special utility districts such as Far Hills.

The permit for this plant was contested and heard by the State Office of Administrative Hearings which recommends denying the permit.

I am simply writing to ask you to carefully consider this case. I realize the difficulty in providing services to the district while still protecting private property rights of those nearby. I am confident that you will give case your full consideration.

Respectfully,

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