

From: [William McKinley](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Hands off our water!
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:30:28 AM

Hello,

I am a resident of Benwood, WV in Marshall County. Today I am voicing my opposition to SB 592—set for a hearing today, April 7, at 3 pm in the House Energy Committee. This would remove nearly 1,000 oil, gas, and coal tanks from the inspection list mandated by the Aboveground Storage Tank Act. This includes tanks like the one that caused the 2014 Elk River chemical spill, which contaminated the drinking water of over 300,000 people. This bill will do nothing good for the people of West Virginia, it will only make it easier for corporate interests to get away with further polluting and contamination of our drinking water. Your families drink this water too. We all need clean and uncontaminated drinking water. Stop voting against the people of West Virginia, or we will stop voting for you.

Saturday's mass mobilization should have made you aware that we the people are serious, dedicated, and WE hold the power in this democracy. Start being less afraid of Donald Trump and his billionaire buddies, and start being afraid of your constituents.

Thank you,
William McKinley

From: [Nancy Bouldin](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Cc: [Roy Cooper](#)
Subject: NO to SB 592 - West Virginia deserves better!!
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 9:53:59 AM

I am writing from Monroe County, WV, to comment on and voice strong opposition to the proposed SB 592. A bill that puts public and private drinking water in danger is not a bill in the best interests of the state. It's not in the best interests of our families, businesses, tourists and wildlife. It's not in the best interests of the constituents of every member of the House.

It's simple. Oil and gas storage tanks located too close to drinking water intakes and wells must be regulated and monitored...or safely removed.

There is no excuse for trying to save \$\$s by putting lives, health and jobs at risk.

Please look at the facts and do the right thing. Oppose SB 592.

Thank you,
Nancy Bouldin
Greenville, WV 24945

From: iboltwv@gmail.com
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: OPPOSE SB 592 - Protect our Water!
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:00:32 AM

Members of the House Energy Committee:

There is perhaps no better example of the callousness rampant in this Legislature than this bill which ignores recent history in the very city in which you're meeting. Time and time again, our representatives prove they are not really our representatives, but representatives of business and industry, especially anything having to do with coal or any of its related businesses.

Do you not realize that mines that have been shuttered for more than a century are still polluting our waters? Are you not aware of the pollution dangers that are also present in the current fracking industry.

This bill would erase one of the small modicum of protection that has managed to be enacted over the years.

Show that you do have the interests of everyday West Virginians, and not the corporate once by rejecting this bill.

Sincerely,

John A. Bolt
Morgantown, WV.

John A. Bolt
304.382.4707
[Decent Hills and Orderly Hollows | John A. Bolt | Substack](#)
“*Justice is the water the Bible swims in.*” [The Rev. Zac Morton]

From: [Gary Zuckett](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: OPPOSE SB 592 - Protect our Water!
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 9:34:32 AM

The 2014 MCHM chemical leak sent the Legislature home and polluted the drinking water for the whole region. It disrupted normal business causing millions in lost revenues. Now SB 592 proposes to deregulate the very types of tanks that leaked in 2014! Passing this bill is setting WV up for another water crisis. Please, just say NO on SB592 and protect your constituents from leaky chemical, gas, and oil tanks that are sited in zones of critical concern just above our water intakes! This is not a partisan issue, this is a Public Health issue!



Gary Zuckett
Co-Director
WV Citizen Action Group
[304-437-3701](tel:304-437-3701)

From: [Kay Schultz](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: OPPOSE SB 592 - Protect our Water!
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:07:17 AM

Good morning, delegates,

I am writing from Jefferson County WV where I chair the Town Run Watershed Association [Home - Town Run Watershed](#) We and our 100+Friends oppose SB 592. Taking actions that reduce protections for our drinking water goes in the wrong direction.

We need to protect water more vigorously than ever as more pollutants are invented, used and released into the environment, many of which have serious health impacts on our children and grandchildren and future generations of West Virginians.

Old and new oil, gas and coal tanks must be inspected as they deteriorate and constitute a continuing risk to public health.

Please protect the health and wellbeing of all of our neighbors.

Kay Schultz

78 Shepherd Village Circle, Shepherdstown WV 25443
301 639-9337

From: [Mira TH](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: OPPOSE+SB+592++Protect+our+Water!
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 9:04:12 AM

DO NOT LET THIS PASS!

We have evidence of what happens when these tanks are not properly inspected, do not let the Elk River poisoning happen again!

From: [Brian Dorsey](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Cc: [Brian Dorsey](#)
Subject: PLEASE REJECT SB 592, Protect Our Water
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 9:20:19 AM

Please reject SB 592, which puts our drinking water at risk. This bill undermines progress made via the Aboveground Storage Tank Act following the 2014 water crisis.

SB 592 weakens the protections enacted after MCHM leaked into the Elk River contaminating the drinking water of over 300,000 people. The very type of tank that caused this crisis will be deregulated with this bill. Only 11 percent of aboveground storage tanks are currently regulated across the state. The bill brings the percentage down to just 8.7 percent removing upwards of 1,000 more tanks located upstream from water intakes from required inspections under current law. Our drinking water must be protected to prevent another water crisis.

Please reject SB 592 to preserve the crucial role the Aboveground Storage Tank Act plays in safeguarding our health and environment.

Thank you,
Brian Dorsey
87 Melbourne LN
Pool, WV 26684
394-618-4700

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

From: [Linda Frame](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Reject SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:03:18 AM

Dear Members of the WV House of Delegates,

As a resident of Charleston, my family and I lived through the 2014 water crisis. I was so proud of our legislature when it passed a bill shortly afterwards to prevent this sort of tragedy from happening again. It's been hard to watch this bill get weakened time after time.

Please reject SB 592 and leave the last, remaining protections in place - those that would require inspections of tanks around our water intakes. We don't forget what happened over 10 years ago - please prioritize the protection of our drinking water and vote no on SB 592!

Linda Frame
1405 Alexandria Place
Charleston WV 25314

From: [Lois Ludwig](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Senate bill 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 8:50:05 AM

We do not want a repeat of the Elk River spill of 2015. Legislature did a good thing by regulating tanks, but after the fact. Don't roll back the protections now. That would only set us up for another catastrophe.

I'm counting on you to protect our water!

Lois Ludwig

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lynne Schwartz-Barker](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Tanks bill
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:33:25 AM

We are opposed to this bill, since we remember the tank leak in 2014 that poisoned our drinking water and caused huge losses for small businesses in Kanawha County. It's your job to protect our water. Please do so.

Lynne Schwartz-Barker
104 Silverwood Lane
Charleston, WV 25320
304 988 1819

From: [Kathleen Durkin](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Cc: [Kathleen Durkin](#)
Subject: Bill 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 8:20:39 AM
Importance: High

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 592. Water is life. Safe water and access to water is being threatened in many areas throughout the state, whether by fracking, dumping or this bill that removes regulations. Aboveground storage tanks up[1]stream from public drinking water intakes that would no longer be regulated if SB 592 passes. WV citizens have some of the worst health outcomes in the nation. Why would we want to add just another threat?

Thank you,
Kathleen Durkin
Wheeling, WV

From: [Ellen Lorish](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: OPPOSE SB 592 - Protect our Water!
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 8:31:08 AM

Why would anyone in this day and age think to re-pollute the water systems within WV? Why? Industry has proven again and again that it is untrustworthy, that sneaking in a chemical or two into the water "really won't hurt" because "we've done it before". We know from the past that it does!!! Why must this state continue to repeat its mistakes? Aren't we smarter than this? Good grief! Stop with the stupid!! - Ellen Lorish

From: [Sarah Simonton](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:42:43 AM

Good morning,

After working for private firms conducting environmental site assessments for years, and watching my dad, a leader in the impact analyses from the Elk River spill in 2014, it is clear that ASTs should adhere to current regulations. The state of West Virginia has been gravely impacted for far too long by contaminants and to add to the statistical probability of our streams and water resources being impacted would be a disservice to the public. Please consider opposing SB 592.

Thank you,

Sarah Simonton, MS

Senior Scientist

From: [Adam Menear](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: OPPOSE SB 592 - Protect our Water!
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:39:07 AM

West Virginia has so many outdoor attractions and beauty. If we don't keep our water clean, our biggest attraction, natural beauty, will be at risk.

Please oppose SB 592. Save our state.

From: [Bayer Watson](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: oppose SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:38:26 AM

Hi,

I am writing to ask the House Energy Committee to oppose SB 592. As a West Virginia resident, maintaining protections for clean water in our state is a top priority to me.

It would be tragic to repeat accidents like the incident on the Elk river on January 9, 2014. I am sure that safety regulations are inconvenient for oil, gas, and coal companies, but **the safety and health of the people and environment of West Virginia must always take precedence** over business concerns!

Please oppose SB 592.

Regards,

Bayer Watson
Fayetteville, WV

From: [Sarah Umberger](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: SB592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:46:05 AM

While I am lucky enough to live in Greenbrier County, which appears to have fewer above ground tanks than other counties, the watershed of our beautiful Greenbrier River could easily be impacted.

Our water comes from the river, and we want to trust our public officials to make sure our water stays safe. I remember vividly the loss of water for the people of Charleston when there was a leakage into the Elk River a number of years ago.

Our health and safety certainly outweighs the cost and inconvenience of following common sense regulations and inspections.

I ask you to vote against SB 592.

Sarah Umberger
Greenbrier County.

From: [CHARLOTTE BAKER-SHENK](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Cc: [Baker-Shenk \(Home\)](#)
Subject: SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:50:27 AM

I'm writing to express my concerns about SB 592. It is not in the public interest to reduce oversight on anything that could potentially pollute public water. Water is essential for all life. There have been many terrible incidents where rivers have become polluted and water undrinkable for hundreds of thousands of people. We should be making decisions to increase oversight, not reduce it.

I am asking that you do all you can to work for public safety.
To do all you can to protect our waters.

Please oppose SB 592

Thank you,
Charlotte Baker-Shenk
Shepherdstown, WV
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Greg Finch](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:02:48 AM

This message is to voice my opposition to this bill. As tourism is one of WV's most valuable industries it seems we should maintain the safeguards of our environment. This is especially important to me and my wife as we own an agritourism business located close to the Potomac River.

Gregory & Melanie Finch

--
Two Birds Farm LLC
25 Stanley Acres Lane
Shepherdstown, WV 25443
607-738-2267
<https://twobirdsfarms.com/>

From: [Rachel](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: OPPOSE SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:01:04 AM

Dear Delegates,

I urge you to oppose SB 592. Deregulating above ground storage tanks, especially near public drinking water is hazardous to West Virginians' health. The risk of crude oil and toxic chemicals leaking into our drinking water is too high. Please protect your people and the natural environment we call home.

Sincerely,
Rachel Stevens
Constituent
Bruceton Mills, WV.

From: [Betsy Pyle](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Why I Oppose HB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:00:52 AM

I live in Morgantown and know lots of people who live in Charleston. I oppose HB 592 because it would excuse many above ground storage tanks from routine inspections. I don't think anyone in our State will ever forget the American Water company's tanks leaking into the rivers around Charleston leaving our capital city without clean drinking water. Leaks happen when we aren't vigilant to make sure all tanks are in good working order with routine inspections. Please ensure that instructions continue because clean water MUST be a priority for our State. We need it for drinking, bathing, and recreation too. Fish can't survive in polluted water! Please defeat this bill that would excuse above ground storage tanks from routine inspections. Thank you!

Betsy Pyle, 1465 Dogwood Ave, Mgn 26505

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Erica Marks](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Oppose SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:58:38 AM

Please think about the economic and health future of West Virginians and oppose weaker inspection and safety standards on storage tanks.

Property values, drinking water, recreation, public health...all are dependent on your actions.

Please protect your citizens. It's job number one.

Sincerely,

Erica Marks.
Hillsboro, WV

From: [Carolyn Thomas](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Oppose SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:57:58 AM

SB 592 is bad for WV -- all living things need clean water. Strengthen clean water protections, don't weaken them.

--

Carolyn Thomas
Shepherdstown, WV
240-818-6256

From: [Public Comments](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Public Comments on SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:04:17 AM

Contact Info: name - Michael Jones, email - mjoneswv11@gmail.com, phone number - (407) 579-6796, org - , zip-code - 26501

Date of Submission: 04/07/2025

I oppose SB 592, and request that you vote 'NO'

SB 592 intends to remove regulations from approximately 666 oil and gas production and transmission tanks, across 39 West Virginia counties. Public drinking water systems are vulnerable to pollution from oil and gas waste tanks. This is because a portion of the pollution from these tanks is soluble and will dissolve in water.

These harmful chemicals could affect our drinking water:

Benzene: Anemia, decrease in blood platelets, increased risk of cancer

Toluene: Nervous system, kidney, or liver problems

Ethylbenzene: Liver or kidney problems

Xylenes: Nervous system damage

Radium 226 and Radium 228: Nervous system damage Barium: Increase in blood pressure

Lead: Delays in physical or mental development in children. Kidney problems or high blood pressure in adults.

Please vote no!

Mike Jones

From: [Tug Chamberlin](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:07:54 AM

Good morning,

I am writing to plead with you all to stop SB 592, thus protecting our rivers.

Water is the most precious resource on the planet and WV is blessed with an abundance of water. Besides the natural beauty and the recreational opportunities our rivers provide, rivers are necessary for human sustainability. We have all seen the devastation of an event like the tank rupture and contamination of the Elk & Kanawha rivers. The cost of remediation and long term effects not only on the environment but on our people is undeniably too high for us to pay.

Let's protect this resource and the people of this state, by doing the right thing and rejecting this bill.

Remember, we ALL live downstream!

Have a great day!

David 'Tug' Chamberlin

From: [Juliet Marlier](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Please oppose SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:06:36 AM

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to respectfully ask you to oppose SB 592, a bill that weakens protections that all West Virginians deserve.

To me, the idea of safeguarding drinking water standards is not a controversial one. Please stand up and do what is right!

Thank you,
Juliet Marlier

From: [brian](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: I oppose SB 592.
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:36:34 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

As a lifelong West Virginian, clean water protections matter to me. I am a resident of Morgantown WV, and I am a lover of our waterways and our natural wonders. As a fisherman, recreational boater, and all around swimming hole enthusiast, having CLEAN WATER in West Virginia matters to me. Our rivers are our lifeblood in this state, they are attractions, destinations, lifelines and sacred spaces. We have fought now for DECADES to undo the damage that's been done by industrial forces running unchecked and destroying so many of these environmental gems. Here in Monongalia County we're still dealing with the after effects of Acid Mine Drainage on our local waterways, which had rendered them unusable for a generation or more. We've made so much progress, and we're NOT GOING BACK.

I oppose SB 592 with all my heart. Please, fight for clean water for west virginia.

Thank you for your time,

~Brian Pickens

From: [Kendall and Monica Whyte](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: I oppose SB592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:36:04 AM

As a retired State of West Virginia employee of 22 years, and a Source Water Protection professional, I am writing to express my opposition to SB592.

Please do not weaken inspection requirements for oil and gas waste and coal tanks by removing certified inspection requirements. Also, leak detection methods and equipment should be the most efficient way to alert the tank owners of a problem. The AST Act was put into place to protect drinking water supplies after the Freedom Industries disaster of 2014 and there is no reason to weaken that legislation. No citizen should ever have to face the loss of safe drinking water, nor should drinking water protections be weakened for the oil & gas and coal industries when other industries comply.

Thank you,

Monica A. Whyte

From: [Moore, Mary](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Clean water!
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:47:10 AM

Please oppose SN 592, which stops inspections that help ensure West Virginians have safe water!! Really, I don't understand how anyone would condone stopping inspections when we know the incredible damage broken tanks, and other aspects of infrastructure can cause! Please stop SN 592!

Yours, Mary B Moore, ZIP Code 25701
Sent from my iPhone

From: wvpiggal@gmail.com
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Stop the reductions of protection
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:46:26 AM

WV gains nothing by reducing our protections . Please do NOT pass this bill.
Sent from my iPad

From: [Meredith Wycherley](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:45:00 AM

Good morning,

I send this email to formally notify you that as a lifelong resident of WV, I strongly oppose SB 592 and any legislation that has such great potential to deteriorate the safety of WV water. WV is a beautiful place filled with abundant natural resources. It is vital to protect our land, people and resources to ensure the beauty and prosperity for future generations. A rejection of this bill is a step in the right direction to protect those things that make our state a great place to live and work.

Thank you,
Meredith Wycherley
23 Meadow Dr
Wheeling

From: dkmaxfield@frontiernet.net
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Inspections - SB592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:41:50 AM

Please vote no on SB592.

Removing safety inspections will not benefit your constituents and could potentially expose to state environment to hazardous materials.

Thank you, David Maxfield
Charles Town, WV 25414

[Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer](#)

From: [Debra Blum](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Above Ground Storage Tank Act
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 12:14:58 PM

Please do not exempt storage tanks from the Aboveground Storage Tank Act. When the tanks on the Elk River dumped chemicals into the water supply for the Greater Charleston Area, my son and I packed water into two shopping carts at Kroger's in Morgantown to take to my mother's elderly neighbors, so they could have drinkable water for the couple of days it took to move in potable water. Fortunately, Mother was visiting my brother in Florida, but it cost a bloody fortune to flush her water system, even changing the filter on the refrigerator.

PLEASE DON'T DO THIS TO US AGAIN!!

Debra Blum
1470 Point Marion Road
Morgantown, WV 26508

From: [Kathy Ames](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Oppose Senate Bill 592 to Protect WV Waters
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 12:14:36 PM

We all need clean water! We the people of WV are relying on our elected representatives to do the right thing for all West Virginians and oppose SB 592.

Thank you,
Kathy C Ames

Sent from my iPad

From: [Kathleen Winter](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Senate Bill 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 12:07:21 PM

Do not remove the protections of or rivers, wildlife and the citizen of West Virginia.

Reject Senate Bill [592](#)

Kathleen Winter

Lewisburg WV

From: [Danette Condon](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Stop SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 12:00:13 PM

Water is life! Stop SB 592!

Keep the protections we need to ensure drinkable water. Industry is profit driven. They will cut corners every chance they can. We have polluted water and dead miners to remind us how well industry does what's right.

Danette and Michael Condon
7958 Lobelia Rd
Hillsboro WV 24946
304-653-4442

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Andrea Dalton](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: please protect our water
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 12:32:39 PM

The best predictor of future behavior is past behavior. Our state has already proven that without legislation, water contamination will happen. I strongly oppose SB 592. Please don't ruin the future for our children.

Andrea Dalton
333 Buck Run
Davis, WV 26260
304-704-3476

From: [Elizabeth Byers](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: SB 592 Protect our clean water
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 1:13:59 PM

I would like to submit testimony opposing SB 592. This bill will remove regulations on approximately 700 aboveground storage tanks across 39 counties, which are currently regulated under the Aboveground Storage Tank Act. Of these tanks, 666 are oil and gas waste and transmission tanks that contain fluids harmful to human health. Many are upstream from, and close to, public drinking water intakes that draw water from rivers and streams.

I was working in Charleston when the Freedom Industries spill contaminated our water supply. It felt as though we had been attacked in an act of sabotage in wartime. We cannot let this happen again.

Please protect our clean water, drinking water, and streams for recreation. Don't remove regulations that keep us safe.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Byers
406 Westridge Dr
Elkins, WV 26241
Phone: 304-636-6980
Email: elizabethbyers15@gmail.com

From: [Mandy Weese](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 1:10:48 PM

“SB 592 is for removing nearly 1,000 oil, gas and coal tanks from the inspection list mandated by the Aboveground Storage Tank Act.”

I oppose this legislation fully.

Can you explain why you are proposing relaxing inspection lists when we know tanks like the one that caused the 2014 Elk River chemical spill, which contaminated the drinking water of over 300,000 people is what happens when regulations aren’t enforced? I am not sure I understand the purpose of this current legislature. Are you a governing body protecting its most precious resources and the people who live here? Or one protecting corporate interest and profits instead? Just because West Virginia is known for being at the bottom in education (despite the extreme attempts from our wonderful teachers), it doesn’t mean we have to show our ass.

Thanks,
Mandy Weese

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Patricia Skeen](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: NO to SB592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 1:07:56 PM

Perhaps you were not affected by the 2014 chemical leak in 2014, but I was. I still do not trust American Water after they mishandled the leak in our drinking water.

Please do not remove the required inspections of above ground chemical storage tanks!

You have consistently weakened the Clean Water Bill since 2014 to the detriment of public safety. Do you really think we will attract businesses to the state with the shortsighted rollback of public safety initiatives? (The answer is no.)

From: [Kaitlyn Williston](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: I oppose SB 592!
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 12:52:53 PM

As a West Virginian, it is appalling to me that our elected representatives are making it easier for companies to take advantage of us and poison us. Vote NO ON SB592!!!!

*Kaitlyn Williston, CF-L2, USAW L1, CPPC
Assistant General Manager, Stretch Zone Bridgeport
SOZO Fitness, Coach
Apocalypse Wellness LLC, Owner
[\(304\)-629-2722](#)*

From: [Andrea Dalton](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: please protect our water
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 12:32:39 PM

The best predictor of future behavior is past behavior. Our state has already proven that without legislation, water contamination will happen. I strongly oppose SB 592. Please don't ruin the future for our children.

Andrea Dalton
333 Buck Run
Davis, WV 26260
304-704-3476

From: [Carolyn Rodis](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Oppose SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 1:37:19 PM

Please vote NO on SB 592. This ill-considered bill would exempt oil, gas and coal tanks from safety inspections. We depend on inspections to keep our drinking water safe.

Carolyn Rodis
Shepherdstown

Sent from my iPhone

From: frankshomo@suddenlink.net
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 1:44:24 PM

To Whom this May Concern,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to SB 592. This is a dangerous bill that puts our water supply at risk of further pollution. In fact, the tank that caused the 2014 water disaster that impacted over 300,000 people is one of the tanks that would be on the list of tanks being discussed. I find it truly sad that while the legislature is doing nothing about the undrinkable water many folks have they are willing to increase the amount of pollution in our water. This is unacceptable! Please stop this legislation.

Sincerely,

Frank Shomo

From: [Janis Boury](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Oppose SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 1:49:36 PM

I find it hard to believe we are being dragged back to eastern bloc standards for air and water quality. WV does not need more leaks for old storage tanks polluting our waters. This is not the way forward for our state. Wonderful West Virginia or polluted West Virginia.

Do not vote for SB 592.

Janis Boury
Morgantown, WV

From: [Rhonda J](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Oppose SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 2:22:28 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to SB 592. As a farm owner in WV who manages livestock and also as someone who deeply enjoys the beautiful mountains, rivers, waterways and wildlife we are lucky enough to have in WV, I am asking that you take all steps necessary to protect our water that we depend on. We pollutants are released into our waterways we all suffer.

Thank you for taking the time to receive my concerns and opposition to SB 592

Rhonda Jackson
Blessingway Farm
Kearneysville, WV

From: [Janis Boury](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 2:26:15 PM

I write to oppose SB 592.

Aging storage tanks need regular inspection to prevent damage from collapse and leaks. We already had one major disaster with Charleston's water supply. And then the pollution moved downstream. Pollution does not stay in one place.

West Virginia has made progress improving water and air quality. Do not take us backwards just to save a few bucks.

Michael Frasher
Morgantown, WV

From: [Deborah Johnson](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Stop SB 592!
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 2:31:07 PM

SB 592 would remove nearly 1,000 oil, gas, and coal tanks from safety inspections required under the Aboveground Storage Tank Act. You work for us not industry and this bill is wrong for West Virginia and the environment!

Sincerely,
Deborah Johnson
578 Lone Oak Road
Ranson, WV. 25438
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Cheryl Pullen](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Re SB592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 2:50:09 PM

There is nothing in this world more important than clean water. Therefore, I strongly oppose SB 582.

Whether it is little creeks or grand rivers, it is important to keep them clean. It is also very important to note that Oil and Gas Waste Tanks and tanks that are associated with coal permits can cause major problems. I am originally from Doddridge County and our family still owns farmland there. Oil and gas products are a curse. Years ago I worked in Preston County. Coal was a major issue there. Children had many disabilities.

Please oppose SB 582.

Cheryl Pullen

From: [Hannah Ekberg](#)
To: [Bill Anderson](#); [Jordan Bridges](#); [Jeff Campbell](#); [Kathie Hess Crouse](#); [Mike DeVault](#); [Henry Dillon](#); [Jeff Eldridge](#); [Bob Fehrenbacher](#); [David Green](#); [Evan Hansen](#); [Rick Hillenbrand](#); [Josh Holstein](#); [Gary Howell](#); [Daniel Linville](#); [Patrick Lucas](#); [Jordan Maynor](#); [Erica Moore](#); ["Happy" Joe Parsons](#); [Clay Riley](#); [Charles Sheedy](#); [Brandon Steele](#); [George Street](#); [Kayla Young](#); [Mark Zatezalo](#); [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Opposition to SB 592
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 2:46:56 PM

Dear Fellow West Virginian,

I am writing today to tell you that I oppose SB 592.

Please do not overlook your fellow West Virginians best interests and let more companies profit while trashing the state and its people.

Why SB 592 is Dangerous:

- **Weaker Inspections:** SB 592 undermines those protections by removing certified inspection requirements for oil and gas waste and coal tanks.
- **Delayed Leak Detection:** The bill eliminates internal inspections until chemicals breach secondary containment, allowing contamination to spread before action is taken.
- **Threats to Public Health:** Nearly 1,000 above-ground storage tanks in critical drinking water protection areas could endanger drinking water for communities. Of those tanks, 700 are oil and gas waste tanks across 39 counties, and 232 are associated with coal mining permits across 20 counties.
- **Special Treatment for Industry:** Other industries comply with the AST Act. The oil & gas and coal industries should not get a free pass to endanger our water.

Yours sincerely,

Hannah Ekberg
Hampshire County

From: lucie@refsland.com
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Clean water
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 2:36:10 PM

I strongly oppose SB 593. Everyone has the right to expect clean water when they turn on the tap. Big business must not be given permission to pollute our streams and rivers. For the sake of our children and grandchildren, please vote against SB 592.

Lucie Refsland
A 60-year resident of West Virginia

From: [Stefani Andrews](#)
To: [House Energy Public Works](#)
Subject: Pollution of Our Water
Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 5:32:17 PM

To all the chairs on the committee for chemical tank storage regulations on the table during this session,

Please do not allow our waters to be polluted. Do not lessen any strictures that have been put in place in the last decade. My health has personally suffered due to the last chemical leak. Please do not allow our waters to possibly be polluted like that again. I am concerned for every family's health.

Stefani Andrews