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#### **Your Comments or Concerns**

The TCEQ has historically rubber-stamped polluting projects from industry, and prioritized interests of polluters over public health and complaints. Even Sunset staff say that TCEQ's commissioners have in some ways become "reluctant regulators" - for example, industrial facilities violate their Clean Air Act permits thousands of times every year. But TCEQ fines polluters only about 3 percent of the time.

#### **Your Proposed Solution**

TCEQ needs to be a rigorous enforcer of the most stringent letter of the law and hold violators

accountable with financial and criminal penalties. Texans deserve an environment with as little pollution as possible. Industry can, will, and must adapt to stop polluting our environment. The vast majority of the solutions within industry already exist, but companies have no reason to implement them when TCEQ clearly doesn't care about the level of pollution Texans face.

**My Comments Will Be Made Public**

Yes