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Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
Hearing: Monday, March 16, 2020, 8:30 a.m.
Room 159-S

Re: Testimony in favor of HB 2575

To Chair Kerschen and Members of the Committee:

I am William Black, Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Haysville. After witnessing the results of work facilitated by those in charge of the Dry Cleaner Program, I am in support of HB 2575 and look forward the positive impact the proposed changes will bring.

After discovering contamination at the site of the former American Cleaners dry cleaner in Haysville, department and city staff worked together to provide safe drinking water to those using private wells as their source of water. The Southeast Waterline project positively impacted over 200 residents living south of the City of Haysville. If the funds had not been available at the state level, it's hard to imagine how the project would have proceeded.

Allowing the Department of Health and Environment to seek out contaminated dry cleaning facility sites is an important change in the statute. Instead of waiting to find out about contaminated sites in the normal course of business, the department would be able to pro-actively seek out contaminated sites which in turn can lead to timelier remediation.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding HB 2575.

Sincerely,

William Black
Chief Administrative Officer