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### Senator Kolkhorst Praises Withdrawal of Pintail Landfill in Waller County

AUSTIN - Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst (R-Brenham) praised the recent announcement that a controversial landfill proposal in Waller County will officially be withdrawn by the landowners. Citing her years of work with Citizens Against the Landfill in Hempstead (CALH), Senator Kolkhorst said she has spoken directly with representatives from Pintail Landfill LLC, who have agreed to withdraw their Texas Commission on Environmental Quality application for a landfill on Highway 6 in Waller County.

Long in the Senator's crosshairs, the leaders of Pintail Landfill LLC officially notified Senator Kolkhorst early Monday morning that the corporation will no longer pursue the construction of the facility, which has garnered thousands of protests and years of litigation.

"Today is a victory of, by and for the people of Waller County and is a culmination of the hard work done by citizen activists, [Trey Duhon - Waller County Judge](#), and the current Commissioners Court. This landfill has finally been defeated because of the unwavering support of a citizen group who banded together to launch a self-funded legal battle against a corporate giant," said Kolkhorst. "This is truly a great day for Waller County and goes to show that the people's voice still matters."

Opponents of the landfill have argued that the idea would pose a great danger to groundwater resources and hinder development in this rapidly expanding part of Texas near the intersection of State Highway 6 and US Highway 290. The TCEQ had returned the original Pintail application in 2015, due to errors that had been identified by CALH members. Since that time, several lawsuits have ensued between the opponents and Pintail, and Kolkhorst subsequently filed legislation in 2017 to address the conflict.