

Public Comments, Texas House State Affairs Committee

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Thank you, Chairman King and members for this opportunity.

I am Linda Curtis for the League of Independent Voters of Texas (LIV), a 501c4 nonpartisan membership association for nonaligned Texas voters.

I am speaking to your concerns about national security and global competitiveness.

I'm also a resident of Bastrop County with a five member Commissioners Court. Counties that make decisions just based on dollars and cents will continue to put hyper-industrialization over public welfare, it's just another kind of socialism that weakens Texas.

On May 26, the election runoff day, with 4 days public notice, the court unanimously passed a nomination for SpaceX to receive state subsidies pursuant to the Texas Enterprise Zone Act following meetings with SpaceX lobbyists who teased about putting data centers in space. We warned the court about the highly speculative SpaceX, a company wholly controlled by the world's first trillionaire and a company with farcical goals, including creating a permanent city on Mars with at least 1 million people. My all-Republican Commissioners Court ignored us.

Honestly, we weren't surprised about the SpaceX corporate welfare handout because my all-Republican court in December of 2024, also unanimously passed a rushed incentive to EdgeConneX data center developer in a shroud of secrecy that by law should be allowed.

Apparently, my all-Republican Commissioners Court cares less about Platform 78 in the Republican Party of Texas Platform that says: "We oppose all bailouts of and subsidies to domestic and foreign government entities, states, and for all businesses, public and private."

I am attaching our detailed public comments given to the Bastrop Commissioners Court on May 26.

For those of you worried about the rise of democratic socialism and China, please tell us just whose socialism are you backing?