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## Response

**Nick Meier, Campaign Manager for Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, released the following statement regarding Eddie's environmental record:**

"As a lifelong environmentalist, Eddie strongly believes that we need to hold polluters accountable, preserve our natural resources and do more to tackle the climate crisis. From his first legislative session in the Texas House, he's done exactly that. Rep. Eddie Rodriguez has fought to hold polluters accountable and attack regulatory capture in Texas by requiring that the penalties assessed by the TCEQ against violators reflect the damage caused by the violation ([HB 877](#), [HB 910](#), [HB 4025](#)). He has been a champion for renewable energy in Texas and filed numerous bills during his career to promote the transition to a sustainable energy economy. He worked to confront climate change head-on with the [Texas Global Warming Solutions Act \(HB 2143\)](#), and fought to [require](#) Texas to develop and implement a Clean Power Plan ([HB 3069](#)) along with other efforts to protect clean air for all Texans. He's also voted against harmful legislation like HB 1794 because he knows that the current system favors big business and we must do more to hold polluters accountable.

"You don't win every fight in the legislature, but Eddie has time and time again stood up against polluters. That's why he is proud to have an A rating from the [Sierra Club](#) for his work on environmental issues."

*Eddie Rodriguez is running for State Senate District 14 in the July special election. He is currently the State Representative for House District 51 and has represented it since 2003.*

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