

**...Cattlemen's
Beef Board**

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The deadline for nominations is July 10.

Additional details about the beef checkoff and CBB can be found on the AMS website.

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**Bill introduced
to block greenhouse
gas disclosures**

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A bill was introduced this month that would block the Biden administration's efforts to require publicly traded companies to disclose greenhouse gas emissions in their value chains.

The bill was introduced by U.S. Reps. Vicente Gonzalez and Ronny Jackson of Texas. It's related to the Scope 3 emissions addressed in the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) proposed rule that mandates extensive climate disclosures for companies while placing a significant regulatory burden on small and medium-sized entrepreneurs like farmers and ranchers.

The proposed rule would have an effect on farms and ranches across the country.

"Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) and the many farm and ranch families it represents have serious concerns about the SEC's proposed rule which would mandate extensive climate disclosures by public companies, including measured impacts for their entire supply chain," TFB President Russell Boening said. "Ultimately, the rule could have severe consequences for farmers' and ranchers' ability to produce food, fuel and fiber worldwide."

The rule could create burdensome reporting requirements for family farms and ranches selling into supply chains and force the disclosure of private information.

It may create multiple, new sources of substantial costs and liabilities. These include reporting obligations, technical challenges, significant financial and operational disruption and the risk of financially crippling legal liabilities.

The proposed rule also could spur consolidation, as small farms lack the resources to comply with burdensome greenhouse gas reporting requirements.

There could also be increased liability because the timeline given is unattainable to comply



Athletic Awards! Robert Lee High School recently handed out their Steer and Lady Steer Awards for the 2022-2023 school year. Steer Award recipients include the following: Ryan Mendoza - Football and Track, Logan Bailey - Golf, Brayden Sherwood - Basketball and Tennis, and Dalton Abalos - Cross Country. Lady Steer Award recipients include Abbi Smith - Golf, Kailey Elliott - Tennis, Ryen White - Basketball, Kailey Freeman - Basketball, and Natalie Immel - Cross Country and Track.

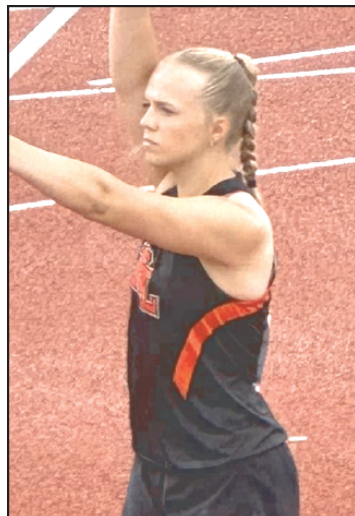
with Scope 3 emissions, which are the result of activities from assets not owned or controlled by an organization but contribute to its value chain.

"In a time of increased costs and supply shortages, we cannot impose impractical regulatory burdens and costs on those who are integral to our food and national security," Gonzalez said. "I'm proud to work with Congressman Jackson to re-introduce the Scope 3 Act for South Texas families and small businesses."

Scope 1 emissions are direct emissions from owned or controlled sources, such as a company vehicle.

Scope 2 covers indirect emissions from the purchase and use of electricity, steam, heating and cooling.

Scope 3 includes all other indirect emissions that occur in the upstream and downstream activities of an organization. This includes business travel, employee commuting, waste disposal, use of sold products,



State! Robert Lee High School recently had two athletes competing at the state level in two sports. Natalie Immel (above left photo) placed seventh in pole vault by clearing nine feet at the state track meet. Kailey Freeman (pictured with Coach Roberts) tied for fourth place overall at the state golf tournament with a total score of 176.

transportation and distribution.

The legislation would block the SEC's latest attempts to force climate regulations on American businesses.

"While Americans are still struggling with skyrocketing inflation, this proposed rule will only lead to even more





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