



Texas Legislature

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Mr. John Colyandro
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Mr. Colyandro:

As conservative legislators, including a number of board and public members of the Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute, we are gravely concerned with a recent unsigned policy position published by TCCRI, regarding the use of eminent domain by a private business.

We are further alarmed that apparently no notice was given to the legislative members of TCCRI, nor was any stakeholder group engaged, prior to the publication of this document.

Undoubtedly, we are troubled to read in the report that a conservative organization is justifying the use of eminent domain by a private company.

As dedicated and longtime members and supporters of your organization, we respectfully request that your office immediately rescind the unsigned policy brief, and publicly clarify that the Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute opposes the use of eminent domain by any private entity.

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Senator Brian Birdwell

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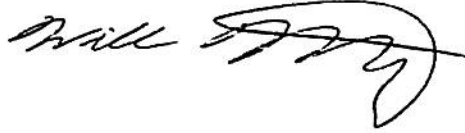
Senator Charles Perry

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Senator Charles Schwertner



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