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HB 198

Testimony for HB 198

Members of the Federal Relations, Energy and Telecommunications committee.

I urge you to vote against HB 198. Eminent Domain is a dangerous tool and it should not be misused.

My land could be condemned for a railroad or a power line. I will be crossed by about 3 miles of the proposed Tongue River Railroad. Several years ago the landmen came to my place and threatened to use eminent domain to acquire a right of way across me. My neighbor and I visited with them and they only offered him \$100 per acre for a right of way. The damages far surpass this meager offer. We do not have a fair bargaining position when private companies have the power of eminent domain.

Our property rights must be protected! Vote against HB 198.

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