

Montana House FRET Committee

Friday, March 22, 2013

Senate Bill 180 - SUPPORT

Good afternoon chair and members of the House FRET committee.

My name is Jim Boyd. I'm representing myself.

I've been a Montana resident for 8 years and I'm a property owner in Eureka.

Please support Senate Bill 180 to repeal the power of eminent domain for private entities. I served my country as a US Army paratrooper for 8 years, a Police Officer for 3 years, and US Customs and Border Protection Officer for 8 years, 6 of which were right here in Montana. For 19 years I was honored to defend the freedoms we all take for granted, including our property rights. The 2011 Montana legislative body sold out the citizens that elected them by giving away our property rights to private companies and foreign entities - some of whom may not be friendly to the US. They did this not for the public good, but for greed and profit. For the 2011 legislature to respond to, pass, and codify Montana Code 75-20-113 is the highest level and lowest class of theft from the citizens of Montana and should be classified and prosecuted as Theft Under Color of Law. To allow a hostile foreign corporation to be issued a permit under the Major Facility Siting Act is so far removed from the eminent domain laws of the US and Montana Constitutions that the act defies common sense. Please repeal Montana Code 75-20-113 by passing Senate Bill 180.