

Honorable Chairman Patten & members of the Energy and Natural Resources committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 2317. I am a fourth-generation landowner in Oliver County. SB 2317 threatens the property rights of the majority. Increasing the threshold to 85% consent is well beyond the majority. The current threshold is more equitable.

Additionally, it should not fall on the individual counties to be able to change the percentage required. This, again, threatens the property rights of the majority. It also creates inconsistencies that will certainly discourage economic development projects. Please vote no on this bill.

Sincerely,

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