

My name is Jason Pulver, I live in Hazen and bought the land homesteaded by my great grandfather and other lands owned by my family for decades south of Beulah in Oliver County.

Chairman and Committee Members, I oppose Bill 2317 which would require 85% consent among pore space owners as a permit requirement for oil and gas storage in an oil and gas reservoir, saline reservoir or aquifer or in a salt cavern. This bill would also allow individual counties to require even more than 85%.

85% is a very high threshold. It is nearly impossible if not impossible to reach that amount when multiple sections of land are involved. On top of getting 85% to agree, I can attest as a research landman over the past 15 years that even surface title can be messy with some tracts having multiple owners across many states along with estates that haven't been cleaned up or settled for decades, making it nearly impossible to obtain consent in those situations.

As a landowner, I want to exercise my right to monetize my pore space which can be done while still being able to utilize my surface as it always has been, while also benefitting the agriculture, coal and oil & gas industries in the long term.

Requiring 85% consent and even higher percentages by individual counties for multiple section projects potentially allows only one or a few large contiguous landowners to monetize their pore space while leaving behind smaller land owners. There is also the issue of pore space projects that potentially would cross county lines that would be subject to different thresholds.

It is for these reasons that I oppose the enactment of Senate Bill 2317 and ask you to forward a **DO NOT PASS** recommendation. Thank you.