

Testimony SCR4002

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Mr Chairman,

This resolution is a shortsighted land grab that threatens to put many acres of wetlands and habitats out of production.

While our organization supports property rights and is against easements for carbon pipelines, sometimes in trying to protect property rights, advocates overreach, we believe that this is one of those times. The WRE program is a voluntary program that represents a way to permanently protect delicate environments. As such, allowing the termination of these easements would undo decades of work by our civil servants to protect wetlands. The intent of this contract was to conserve as much habitat as possible. Animals do not just appear out of thin air, they need habitat to breed and getting rid of these environments for them will not help their numbers.

We should not be allowing farmers to purchase these easements back for pennies on the dollar. If this by some means gets passed the farmers should buy the land back at market value not at the hundred dollars that their grandparents received when they bought the lease.

We recommend DO NOT PASS on this Resolution.