

Testimony of Senator Jeff Magrum
in favor of
SENATE BILL NO. 2209
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
January 27, 2023

Chairman Patten and members of the committee,

I sponsored SB 2209 because I heard from many landowners that developers are threatening the use of eminent domain as a way to negotiate for property rights and access. Eminent domain should not be used as a threat or as a tactic in negotiations. Especially when eminent domain is being used by private companies who are making money by conducting an ongoing business venture on the landowner's property, it is unfair when those landowners are not treated as the hosts of this business venture and invited to discuss how it will impact their own business.

We need to support property rights and our landowners as we develop our natural resources, and we need to make sure we are balancing our goals of developing our natural resources with protecting private property rights.

Thank you,
Senator Jeff Magrum