

Senator Patten and Members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

I've been warned by the chair that I must address him with civility, or he will no longer communicate with me so here goes a try. Please, give a **DO NOT PASS** recommendation to SB 2208. The intent of this bill should be obvious to anyone "who have eyes to see and ears to hear." Pretty gutsy bill that is for sure.

SB 2208 has been referred to by many different titles and names from private citizens and government entities around the state. Most common is the Blackmail Bill but I refer to it as the CCP Fufeng and Oil Industry Land Repatriation Act.

All members of this committee are so called Republican so the balance of this email may offend members of the other parties not to mention Republicans that are incognito. This offensive bill goes against several of the ideals of the NDGOP Platform to mention a few, such as:

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

The rights of American citizens proceed from The Creator, not from government. Government authority proceeds only from the consent the People. Individuals, including the unborn, have the intrinsic right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Individuals and families are responsible for their behavior. Public policy should encourage and empower their efforts to provide for their own health, safety, education, moral fortitude and personal wealth.

LIMITED GOVERNMENT

Federal, state, and local governments should be transparent and limited to their respective roles, in accordance with the Tenth Amendment. The size of government, government regulations, and entitlement and transfer programs, should be limited to essential, inherently governmental functions.

AND LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST.

LEGISLATIVE INTEGRITY

Legislators should lead through personal moral integrity and should consider this Platform responsibly before supporting or opposing legislation.

The Republican Party Chairperson along with a district committee censured a representative because he called a Jew, a Jew on a social media platform this week, stating, that "the post and previous behavior do not align with the party's expectation of legislative integrity.' Given that degree of quibble, I cannot see how passage of SB 2208 can in any way stand up to the level of integrity we should be granted as citizens and property owners of this State. We are considering some very extreme usurpation of power from all forms of local governance from 2208.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.