

# Support SB 2842: No Eminent Domain for CO<sub>2</sub> Pipelines

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## **Q: What is the purpose of SB2842 legislation?**

A: The purpose is to ban eminent domain in Illinois for CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline permits, allowing landowners the power to negotiate to protect property rights, to support farmland productivity, and to improve the safety of CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline routes. 82% of Illinois voters polled oppose the use of eminent domain for CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines (July 2024 poll commissioned by BOLD Alliance and conducted by Embold Research). Political support is bipartisan.

## **Q: But didn't the 2024 SAFE CCS Act set a threshold for voluntary easement agreements before granting eminent domain for the remaining parcels?**

A: No, the 75% threshold only applies to assembling pore space for carbon dioxide storage sites. The bill does not set limits on the use of eminent domain for CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines. This is unequal treatment and unfair.

## **Q: Why not just leave the determination of eminent domain for CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC)?**

A: The ICC does not have a voluntary easement threshold for CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines. Non-consenting landowners along a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline route feel compelled to officially intervene in the ICC proceedings, which is extremely burdensome—in both time and money—and can cost as much as \$150,000 or more.

## **Q: How would eliminating eminent domain for CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline companies create a fairer deal for landowners?**

A: Threatening the use of eminent domain for a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline creates an adversarial relationship between private CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline companies and landowners. It gives the companies an unfair advantage in negotiations. Prohibiting the use of eminent domain would:

- A. Protect landowner property rights. Landowners should have the right to say no to a hazardous waste pipeline OR to negotiate more favorable terms and routing.
- B. Support farmland productivity. Published research studies document sustained yield losses over a pipeline right-of-way. Farmers should have the ability to reject a private CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline OR to negotiate a route that would minimize impacts to fields, drainage tiles, and buildings.
- C. Improve CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline safety. Neither the U.S. Government nor the State of Illinois imposes setbacks for CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines, even though these pipelines transport a toxic asphyxiant and are dangerous. Eliminating the option of eminent domain could force the private CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline companies to consider safe routing in order to obtain voluntary right-of-way easements from landowners.

## **Q: Doesn't the construction and operation of CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines bring jobs to Illinois?**

A: It is a violation of property rights to forcibly take someone's land to create a temporary job for someone else. Family farms and homes exist for their livelihoods, not to provide job sites and profits for private CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline companies. CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline projects create few permanent jobs, and companies do not guarantee any Illinois workers will be hired.

## **Q: Is there a difference between a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline and oil and gas pipelines?**

A: Yes. CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines transport a hazardous waste, not oil, gas, or any other product that can be used to generate energy. Using eminent domain for a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline places people and livestock within two miles of either side in grave danger if the pipeline leaks or ruptures.

## **Q: What organizations are endorsing SB2842?**

A: Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Soybean Association, Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club, and the Illinois Environmental Council, along with an additional 24 county, faith-based, community, and environmental organizations. Political support is bipartisan. The current list is on the reverse side.

### **Citizens Against Heartland Greenwashing Projects (CAHGP)**

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**SB2842 was filed by Senator Michael Halpin.** Sponsors to date include *Senator Steven McClure (Chief Co-Sponsor), Senator Sally Turner, Senator Paul Faraci, Senator Doris Turner, Senator Rachel Ventura, Senator Graciela Guzman, Senator Laura Fine, Senator Suzy Glowiak Hilton, Senator Patrick Joyce*

**Endorsed by 28 organizations (and counting) across industries, coalitions, and jurisdictions including:**

## **Agricultural Organizations**

Illinois Farm Bureau  
Illinois Soybean Association

## **Coalitions**

Coalition for Springfield's Utility Future  
Coalition to Stop CO<sub>2</sub> Pipelines  
Faith Coalition for the Common Good

## **Jurisdictions**

McDonough County Bethel Township  
McDonough County Board  
Montgomery County Board  
Montgomery County Rountree Township  
Montgomery County Audubon Township  
Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District

## **Organizations**

Citizens Against Predatory Pipelines (CAPP)  
Climate Reality Chicago Metro Chapter of Climate Reality Project  
Eco-Justice Collaborative  
Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice  
Illinois Environmental Council  
Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association  
Illinois People's Action  
Illinois Third Act  
NWSOFA Indivisible  
Prairie Rivers Network  
Save Our Illinois Land (SOIL)  
Sierra Club Illinois  
Sustainable Springfield

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