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Senator Justin Ready SB 657 - Eminent Domain - Just Compensation - Fees and Costs

Chairman Smith and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

This bill is one of many that seeks to address the hardship that many of my and my colleagues' constituents are facing with the proposed MPRP power line project. I have heard from hundreds of constituents whose livelihood is tied to their property, in many cases an agricultural property – often whom have been there for generations. This generational livelihood is now under threat from corporate interests.

Senate Bill 657 would require the plaintiff to reimburse for any legal, expert, or other fees or costs of the condemnation proceedings incurred by the defendant.

I respectfully request a favorable on Senate Bill 657.