

HB1024: Economic Matters Committee

Testimony in support

I am writing to express the support of both me and my husband of HB 1024 which prohibits the State and its agencies from using eminent domain to take property that is protected by a perpetual agricultural or conservation easement.

Land owners enter into such agreements with much forethought and in good faith that the land will remain agriculturally preserved (or whatever type of easement may be granted). This has tax implications for the landowner as well.

Land owners cannot change their mind on a whim and revoke the easement and neither the State nor any other entity should be able to revoke it either. Please pass this legislation. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
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