

**HB 1550:** Eminent Domain and Condemnation Authority - Repeal (Property Rights Protection Act): Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Economic Matters Committee:

I am writing to respectfully **support HB 1550**, the *Property Rights Protection Act*, concerning *Eminent Domain and Condemnation Authority – Repeal*.

**Private property rights are a fundamental cornerstone of individual liberty and economic security.** Property owners should have confidence that their homes, land, and businesses will not be taken by the government.

**HB 1550** helps ensure that property owners are not forced to surrender their property for projects that may primarily benefit private interests rather than the public as a whole.

**Strong property rights also promote stability for families, farmers, and small business owners who rely on their property for their livelihoods and long-term financial security.** Protecting those rights helps maintain public confidence in government and ensures that the balance between public needs and individual freedoms remains appropriately safeguarded.

**HB 1550** represents an important step toward reaffirming Maryland's commitment to protecting private property.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to **support HB 1550**.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

Trudy Tibbals