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Chairwoman McGinn and members of the Committee,

I want to thank the Senators inn Local Government for taking up the issue of Eminent Domain against Kansas landowners and making this process begin in our local County Commissioners Court. As a Kansas Landowner, I always thought the battle would be over property taxes or property assessments, but over the last year I have realized how important it is to begin these kind of processes at the local level. Educating Kansan's about the process and how it should work has brought to light a lot of procedures that seem to not work for the regular landowner and eminent domain is where we start addressing making these Procedures work for all.

SB 312 would be a starting point for making sure landowners who pay the taxes, who are the stewards of the land, and who are building their dreams for their generation to come are protect from the encroachment of out of state Contractors who are given a license to take someone's private property.

A transmission line for profit impacting 1.2 Millions acres in Southeast Kansas should not be a court case that landowners bankrupt their operations for legal fees to defend their right to keep what belongs to them legally. To secure their right to be a landowner I ask this body to work this Bill knowing it is the last to make this a reality to end a nightmare that should have never happened.

To make a stronger statement in support of landowners rights I ask this Body to make the vote of the Commissioners a unanimous Vote and I believe that would be a Win for all sides concerned.

Thank you for your consideration,

Virginia Macha