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## **Statement on Eminent Domain Legislation**

As a defender of rural Texas and private property rights, I have co-authored four bills aimed at reforming our eminent domain laws to provide stronger protections for private property owners.

SB 552 ensures landowners fully understand their existing property rights by increasing the amount of information condemning entities are required to disclose to landowners on survey permission forms.

SB 553 helps ensure condemning entities fairly compensate landowners by requiring a separate offer for any land not subject to eminent domain.

SB 554 strengthens existing "Landowner's Bill of Rights" laws by giving landowners the right to repurchase property seized through eminent domain if a condemning entity cannot demonstrate active progress within a certain period of time.

SB 555 ensures that property owners are not forced to pay rollback taxes on condemned land they were forced to sell by clarifying any additional taxes resulting from land diverted to a nonagricultural use as a result of eminent domain are the responsibility of the condemning entity -- not the landowner.

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