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The Honorable Ken Paxton
Office of the Attorney General
Attention: Opinion Committee
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

Re: Request for an Opinion on the Constitutionality of Municipal Tree Preservation Ordinances

Dear General Paxton:

Please accept this letter as a request for an Attorney General Opinion with respect to the following legal question:

Whether under certain circumstances municipal tree preservation ordinances may violate the Takings Clause of the Texas Constitution.

There is no right more fundamental to a free society than the right to private property. As Texans, we must do everything we can to ensure this constitutional right remains protected for all our citizens.

I submit the attached legal brief for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Texas Senate District 25