



December 11, 2015

The Honorable Ted Cruz
United States Senate
404 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-4306

Dear Senator Cruz:

In May 2014, the Texas Conservative Coalition (TCC) wrote a letter to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) expressing our deep concern over its attempt to claim approximately 90,000 privately owned acres of land in Texas as public lands under federal control. That claim was reduced to approximately 30,000 acres, nonetheless we remain steadfast in our opposition to the taking of private land in this manner by the federal government.

We applaud your work to protect the private property rights of Texans along the Red River and offer our support for H.R. 2130, which passed the House on December 9, 2015. That resolution would create an appropriate process, overseen by the BLM and utilizing survey methods developed by the U.S. Supreme Court, by which the land ownership dispute may be resolved.

The most critical components of the bill, however, are that it ensures that affected landowners will have an opportunity to appeal the decisions of the BLM directly to an administrative law judge, and landowners will be able to claim legal ownership of lands that are determined to be public lands if they have held them in good faith. These provisions reflect the reality of the land ownership situation along parts of the Red River and they appropriately place the property rights of Texans squarely at the center of your legislation.

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President Obama indicates that he is prepared to veto H.R. 2130. While it is our hope that the President changes course and chooses to support private property rights, we urge you to continue supporting H.R. 2130 even if he does not. You have our support and we thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,



Senator Brian Birdwell



Senator Donna Campbell



Senator Craig Estes



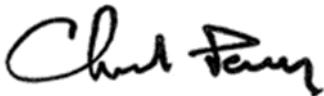
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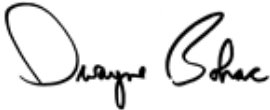
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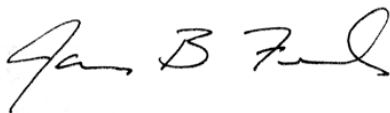
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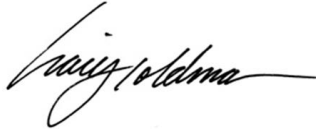
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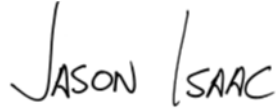
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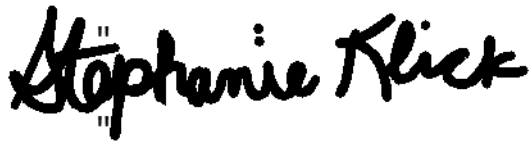
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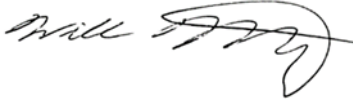
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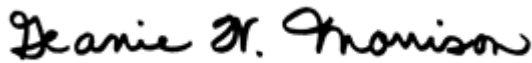
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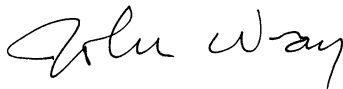
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