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To: Chairman and Members
Senate State Affairs Committee

From: Coalition for Critical Infrastructure

Subject: Opposition to SB 1512 and SB 1513

On behalf of the Coalition for Critical Infrastructure (CCI), we ask that you oppose SB 1512 and SB 1513, both relating to aspects of the eminent domain process.

Respectfully, we collectively worked for **six years** with all the stakeholder groups to address landowner complaints with the eminent domain process. Although we were not able to reach consensus on every issue, we were able to make meaningful changes last session resulting in the passage of HB 2730 by Representatives Deshotel and Burns in the House and Senator Kolkhorst in the Senate.

With the passage of HB 2730, most of the stakeholders agreed to allow the new provisions to be implemented and would refrain from further changes in the near term. These bills simply retread language where we could not reach consensus. We ask that you give deference to the six years of work, allow the changes made in HB 2730 to be fully realized, and oppose SB 1512 and SB 1513.

