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Restore Property Rights in Iowa With HF 639

URGENT; ACT NOW: HF 639 passed the Iowa General Assembly, and has been sent to Governor Kim Reynolds for her signature or veto. **Please call Governor Reynolds, and ask her to stand up for property rights by signing HF 639.**

Members of the Iowa General Assembly are seeking to enact legislation protecting and restoring individuals' property rights while pushing back against eminent domain.

House File 639 ([HF 639](#)) was introduced by the House Judiciary Committee. If enacted, it would end eminent domain for carbon-capture pipelines. In other words, **HF 639 would be a major step toward protecting and restoring property rights in Iowa.** More specifically, HF 639 would:

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1. Ban eminent domain for CO₂ pipelines: It prohibits the use of eminent domain by private companies for the construction of CO₂ pipelines. This would ensure that landowners cannot be compelled to sell or lease their property for such projects against their will.
2. Increase insurance requirements: It would raise the insurance requirements for operators of liquid hazardous pipelines, providing greater financial protection for landowners in case of accidents or damages.
3. Clarify common-carrier status: It would update the definition of a “common carrier” to prevent carbon-capture corporations similar entities from claiming that status.
4. Require judicial review of eminent domain: This would provide an extra layer of protection for landowners.
5. Limit pipeline permits: It would restrict pipeline permits to a single term not exceeding 25 years and prevent the Iowa Utilities Board from imposing sanctions on intervenors during hearings.

HF 639 was introduced in response to three [carbon capture pipelines](#) that were [proposed](#). One of the companies pushing these pipelines is [working with Blackrock](#) and its CEO Larry Fink, one of the most powerful groups/people worldwide that is [pushing an extreme, “woke” agenda](#).

The carbon-capture pipelines are [closely connected](#) to the UN’s Agenda 2030 “sustainable development” scheme to eliminate private property and totally reshape society in the name of fighting “climate change.”

Under current Iowa law, these companies have the ability [to use](#) eminent domain to [confiscate](#) land from farmers and others in order to build the pipelines. This comes despite the fact that these pipelines are entirely private and [will not directly benefit](#) the public. Furthermore, some of the companies that would profit are [foreign-based](#) and have [troubled histories](#).

[Urge your state legislators to stand up for property rights, end eminent domain for private utility projects, and support HF 639.](#)

Carbon Capture Pipeline Threatens Private Landowners