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I am in favor of this bill as a way of rightfully treating landowners .



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The southeast Missouri farmers of the Cotton Council of Missouri support the rights of landowners.



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WITNESS NAME: GARY TOMPKINS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: MARILYN SMITH		PHONE NUMBER:
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we are a family farm. my son owns land that grain belt express wants to cross for their transmission line. we don't want this to happen because it limits the use of our land. we want to eventually put irrigation on that farm, and in fact, the lake has already been built for that purpose. as family farmers we want to continue to make improvements on the land we own so we can pass it on to the next generation. we need farmers now and we will need them in the future. the industrialization of our precious productive cropland must be stopped. we have the right as property owners to use our land in the best way to achieve our agricultural legacy.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT MARTIN		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am in favor of this bill because it does not allow any eminent domain for expansion or construction of solar and wind generation. I am also in favor because it seems to give more protections for land owners that are involved in unfair condemnations of their land for transmission lines.



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WITNESS NAME: RYAN REDDICK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Although this bill is very weak and still strongly favors the large utilities companies, I will support it as at least something to improve the plight of the landowners whose land is being condemned for a small amount of compensation and no decent appeal process. I would suggest that the committee consider adding a stipulation that right of ways should be used if at all possible and to only use condemnation as a last choice. Further I would suggest that the committee require that the compensation paid to landowners be done on a yearly basis instead of a one time payment. It could be done as a lease for 99 years but should address inflationary costs for landowners loosing the land and adversely effectig their farming operations in the lands around the lines. I would also suggest that the appeals committee contain at least two members with agricultural production experience to assure that the landowners needs are more fully understood.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN MARIE SEXTON		PHONE NUMBER:
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This bill has my support because it reflects the importance of landowner rights and it will shed light on the ongoing issues facing rural communities



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Opposed to bill.



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WITNESS NAME: ELYSE SCHAEFFER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear Chairman Van Schoiack and Members of the Committee,

Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. House Bill 3375 prohibits the use of eminent domain for the production of certain forms of energy. This bill puts the future of our grid's growth, reliability, and efficiency in the hands of a few individuals. While framed as a protection of property rights, this bill creates a discriminatory standard by singling out renewable energy projects while continuing to allow eminent domain for other forms of energy infrastructure, including oil, gas, and nuclear electric utilities. If Missouri recognizes that electricity infrastructure serves a public purpose, that standard should be applied consistently, especially when renewable energy positively affects communities and the environment in ways other sources of energy cannot. As such, we ask the Committee to vote "no" on HB 3375.

If passed, HB 3375 would make solar and wind projects 100% dependent on voluntary contracts. This means one single land owner could determine whether an electric company uses the most efficient path for transmission or uses even more of Missouri's farmland in order to accomplish the same project. The ability of our state's grid to grow, and to do so in the most efficient and therefore reliable path possible, should be in the hands of industry experts, not individual land owners. Further, this bill establishes a discriminatory standard. Under HB 3375, only certain forms of energy projects are eligible for eminent domain. If this tool is taken away for renewable energy, it should also be eliminated for nuclear, gas, and coal based projects.

Renewable energy sources should be encouraged because they reduce the myriad environmental impacts of fossil fuel based power production and provide significant economic benefits to Missouri. Solar in particular saw 17% job growth from 2019-2024, representing over 3,000 jobs statewide [1]. Solar energy is cheaper, safer, and faster to deploy than any other form of energy available on the market today [2], meaning every industry that relies on electricity can grow faster and for less money using solar power.

Investment in renewable energy also protects the health of Missourians. Continued reliance on fossil fuels, including "natural" or methane gas and coal, have well-documented health consequences. Ameren's continuous operation of the Labadie coal plant alone is responsible for the deaths of nearly 200 Missourians a year [3]. Burning fossil fuels releases ozone into the atmosphere, which is a significant contributor to asthma [4]. St. Louis suffered from the second-most asthma deaths of any

city in the country last year [5]. Failing to promote clean energy production, and therefore keeping dangerous fossil fuel sources online, is thus a substantial public health risk.

Missouri is already competing for clean energy investment. Policies that create additional barriers for renewable generation risk slowing grid modernization and undermining long-term energy affordability for businesses and residents alike. If the state maintains eminent domain authority for fossil fuel and transmission infrastructure, it should not selectively restrict it for wind and solar generation. For these reasons, we urge the committee to vote “no” on HB 3375.

Sincerely,

Elyse Dianne Schaeffer, Policy Coordinator
Missouri Coalition for the Environment

[1] IREC Solar Jobs Census, <https://irecusa.org/census-solar-jobs-by-state/>

[2] Lazard Levelized Cost of Energy+. Lazard Power, Energy and Infrastructure Group, 2025.
<https://www.lazard.com/media/eijnqja3/lazards-lcoeplus-june-2025.pdf>

[3] Prull, Daniel. Out of Control: The Deadly Impact of Coal Pollution, Sierra Club, February 2023, pp. 10.

<https://coal.sierraclub.org/sites/nat-coal/files/Out%20of%20Control%20coal%20mortality%20report%20FINAL.pdf>

[4] "Too Hot? How to NOT Trigger Your Asthma," American Lung Association, May 2, 2024.

<https://www.lung.org/blog/asthma-heat-triggers>

[5] Asthma Capitals 2025: The Most Challenging Places to Live with Asthma, Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, 2025, pp. 12. <https://aafa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/aafa-2025-asthma-capitals-report.pdf>



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Associated Industries of Missouri is opposed to this bill as currently drafted. Electricity transmission is important to provide power for new and existing industrial and commercial businesses. Eminent domain is an important tool. We will continue to work with proponents of this bill to address concerns but must oppose this bill at this time.



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WITNESS NAME: ZACH POLLOCK		PHONE NUMBER: 573-645-3210	
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