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Dear Friend:

Knowing of your interest in private property rights, I wanted to give you an update on a bill that recently passed in the House of Representatives with my strong support.

Following the Supreme Court decision in *Kelo v. City of New London* earlier this year, I joined my colleagues to express my opposition to the ruling which condoned the use of eminent domain to take private property and transfer it to another private entity for the stated purpose of economic development.

This week, the House acted quickly to consider and pass H.R. 4128, the Private Property Rights Act. The bill provides a deterrent against states using their eminent domain authority for private economic development and I urged my colleagues to support its passage. Since coming to Congress, I have stood up for Americans' private property rights and will continue to do so.

If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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