

To our commissioners:

Twenty-three years ago our family decided to secure our retirement and our children's legacy by investing in Burnet County land, buying 96+ acres including a lovely pond and frontage on the South San Gabriel River.

For decades this property provided many foundational experiences for us and our friends. We've had men's retreats and instructional campouts for disadvantaged youths. Short films and music videos have been shot here. All this, and more, due to the scenic beauty of the land.

In January 2017 we sold our Round Rock house and moved here permanently. First finishing out an existing structure, then building a new house on the property. We've installed a new well, solar panels, new fencing and cattle guards. All this to provide a place where our family could live in peace and quiet, surrounded by the rugged beauty of the hill country.

Our family is tied to this land. Our son died and is buried here. Our parents' ashes are scattered here.

Now Oncor and the LCRA want to run an environmentally devastating line, as well as the accompanying infrastructure, through the heart of the area - destroying the beauty of the views and creating an ongoing health hazard.

Given that other corridors already exist that are much more suitable for running power lines, this proposal can only be seen as an eminent domain land grab by corporations that could not care less for the landowners of Burnet county.

It is up to our Commissioners to curtail this unnecessary and roughshod trampling of our rights and resources, by imposing common sense and maintaining public safety and decency, and compelling these corporations to adopt a more logical and beneficial plan.

Thank you,

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