

Good evening Chair Lawrence, Chair Zeigler, and all EUT Committee members.

I'm supportive of LD 2087, which prevents Eminent Domain.

Thank you for having me. My name is Ben Ballantyne. I bought a plane a few years ago in Palermo, Maine. I had the opportunity to buy the land which included the runway and two airplane hangars, where I kept my plane. Part of the parcel of land includes a 17 acre hay field which I let a neighboring dairy farm use.

I learned about the Transmission Line coming right through my property when my partner's family got a letter about the transmission line going through their land. I never received a letter about it, that's because the tax records are old in my town. Here is the map where my runway and land is, This would take out my runway by cutting the runway right in half.

Seems crazy that a goal I've been working towards since I was old enough to drive and get a job can just be taken away. So much for the American dream.

This is my plane.



