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Trump Pushes Federal Pipeline Land Grab

Farmers and landowners throughout the nation are urgently opposing the “big, beautiful bill” that President Donald Trump wants to see passed before Memorial Day.

It’s a budget omnibus that encompasses defense, energy and tax priorities of the current administration, but it also includes a federal eminent domain land grab posed to enrich private, for-profit pipeline companies at the expense of taxpayers and property owners. Congress is fast-tracking it.

“If passed, this proposed law would give the federal government authority to take your land via eminent domain on behalf of corporations,” warns [Bold Alliance](#), a grassroots group of private landowners who have been [battling](#) these attempted encroachments for four years.



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The bill establishes a federal permit for carbon-capture pipelines (among others). It would overrule state routing laws, moratoriums, eminent domain bans, and construction regulations, as well as county pipeline ordinances. The proposal also includes a requirement for “expedited review,” forcing federal agencies to approve federal permits within one year of a pipeline company’s application. If agencies miss the deadline, “the permit would be automatically approved ‘in perpetuity’ without consideration of landowner or community concerns.” Routing of the pipelines “would be determined solely by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,” usurping authority from both local and state officials.

Bold Alliance is asking all Americans to contact their federal legislators and President Trump with a simple message: “I oppose federalization of pipeline permitting. Stop the federal eminent domain pipeline land grab.” You can sign their petition [here](#).



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