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House Wetlands and Clean Water Act Hearing April 16th

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Hearing on Oberstar's Clean Water Act Land Grab Bill (HR 2421) set for next Wednesday, April 16th, at 11:00 am Eastern time.

Webcast of hearing will be on the Web. Go to

<http://transportation.house.gov>

We apologize for the length of this e-mail. We are trying to put tools in your hands that you can really use to get Congress to save your private property and access to Federal lands.

You need to have the fax and e-mail numbers of the Members of the Committee. That takes up a lot of space. Please be patient. We know we've got to shorten the e-mails but Congress is throwing a lot of you and your property rights at the moment. So it is a real struggle.

It is critical that you take action with your Congressman and any other Congressman from your state. Please fill out and e-mail or fax your Testimony Questionnaire to your Congressman and the other Members of the Transportation Committee.

Congress Moves To Seize Control Of All U.S. Waters

From Bathtubs To Baptismal Fonts, Congress Moves To Give the Corps of Engineers Control Of All U.S. Waters

Issue: Having been slapped down by the U. S. Supreme Court's recent decision that the words "navigable waters" in the Clean Water Act limited federal agencies to regulation of navigable waters only. Democrats and liberal Republicans in Congress are striking back.

They are attempting to pass the Clean Water Restoration Act of 2007 (HR2421 and S1870) that would amend the 1972 Clean Water Act and replace the words "navigable waters" with "waters of the United States." Further, it defines "waters of the United States" with such breathtaking scope that federal agencies would be required to regulate use of every square inch of the U.S., both public and private.

The proposed definition states: "The term 'waters of the United States' means all waters subject to ebb and flow of the tides, the territorial seas, and all interstate and intrastate waters and their tributaries, including lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes [a flat dried up area, esp. a desert basin...] natural ponds and all impoundment of the foregoing, to the fullest

extent that these waters are subject to the legislative power of Congress under the Constitution.”

Obviously, those behind this legislation have only contempt for the Constitution, limited government and private property rights. To understand what the framers of the Constitution intended, one need only look to their writings and the writings of those from whom they took wisdom and direction. A few of thousands of quotes follow:

Quote 1: “The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the law of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence. If ‘Thou shalt not covet’ and ‘Thou shalt not steal’ were not commandments from Heaven, they must be made inviolable precepts in every society before it can be civilized or made free.” — John Adams, A Defence of the Constitution of the United States against the Attacks of M. Turgot, 1787.

Quote 2: “What a man has honestly acquired is absolutely his own, which he may freely give, but cannot be taken from him without his consent.” — Samuel Adams, Massachusetts Circular Letter, 1768.

Quote 3: “...’tis not without reason that [man] seeks out, and is willing to join in society with others who are already united, or have a mind to unite for the mutual preservation of their lives, liberties and estates which I call by the name of property.” — John Locke, Second Treatise of Government, 1690

Quote 4: “The property which every man has in his own labor, as it is the foundation of all other property, so it is the most sacred and inviolable.” — Adam Smith, The Wealth of Nations, 1776

Comment 1: Obviously these are foreign concepts to the environmental lobby and their fellow travelers.

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Wetlands (HR 2421) Bill Gives Corps Control Over Your Property

New Wetlands Corps Land Grab Hearing Coming In House April 16th.

Please Fill Out the Wetlands Testimony Questionnaire Below And Forward It To your Congressman and the Committee.

Deadline – April 16, 2008. You must get your testimony in quickly. Send it at least a few days early. Don’t wait until the last minute.

Clean Water Act (CWA) of 1972 expansion of power.

Congress considering expanding the power of the Clean Water Act of 1972 to include all waters of the United States and not limit it to

navigable waters as is currently the law under two Supreme Court Decisions.

This is a massive threat to all private property in America. It also threatens the use of Federal land.

Under the name “clean water” HR 2421 would give the Corps of Engineers and the Federal Government massive additional regulatory powers that supercede local and state government.

People may be tempted to jump in favor of “clean water” not realizing they are trading away control over their land.

Besides private property, it threatens grazing, forestry, mining and many other uses on Federal land.

-----You should send testimony again even if you sent testimony for the previous hearing. This Testimony Questionnaire below has been modified and updated.

Below is the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. You must check to see if your Congressman is on this list. If he or she is, you need to be all over your Representative with white hot intensity. Call, Call and call again. Get your friends and neighbors to call. Also E-mail and fax. Your Congressman must feel the pressure and know in no uncertain terms that you oppose HR 2421.

If your Congressman is not on the Committee, go ahead and send the Testimony Questionnaire to the Committee Members and your Congressman. Ask your Congressman to write each Member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee opposing HR 2421.

-----HR 2421 is the biggest threat to private property since CARA and actually affects far more land and people.

-----Action Items Below

We call HR 2421 the National Wetlands Clean Water Act - Land Grab Bill HR 2421.

(It's real name is the Clean Water Restoration Act but it has very little to do with clean water or restoration. It is mostly about land use control and expanding the power and reach of the Corps of Engineers under the Clean Water Act of 1972.)

What the bill supporters are doing is using the term “Clean Water,” which everybody wants, as a tool to pass legislation (HR 2421) that is really about land use control and has little or nothing to do with clean water. It is a huge rural land grab. Their target is land use control over all lands, both urban and rural.

What it really does is give the Corps of Engineers control over nearly all private property in America by changing the definition of “wetlands” under the Clean Water Act of 1972 vastly expanding the regulatory reach of the Corps of Engineers over private property.

Take the Testimony Questionnaire below, save it to your word processor, edit it to say how you feel, and then e-mail it back to the

Members of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee listed below.

Also e-mail it to your own Congressman. Follow up with a phone call.

This Testimony is for the new hearing set to take place April 16, 2008.

-----You may print out a formatted version of the Testimony Questionnaire that is below by going to www.landrights.org. It's easy. It is right on the homepage.

-----Urgent Action Required

-----Below we have created a Testimony Questionnaire for you to fill out and send to every e-mail address for Congress we have listed below for the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Be sure and send it to your own Congressman as well. You can call any Congressman at (202) 225-3121 to get the e-mail of a Member of his or her staff.

The Testimony Questionnaire is designed so you can simply save it into your word processing file, edit it with your comments, and then send it to the Congressmen listed on the Committee using your e-mail program. Be sure to edit out or cut off the parts that are not part of the testimony. We've marked them so read it carefully.

-----We agree with all the statements on the Testimony Questionnaire, but you don't have to. You can mark it Agree, Disagree or No Opinion or add your own comments.

What is most important is that you fill out the blank space below the Statements with your own personal comments. You may get ideas and draw from the statements we have provided or preferably write your own. But don't fail to fill out the blank space.

The Testimony Questionnaire is rated at a much higher value by your Congressman if you write your own personal thoughts in the space provided after the section with the statements with Agree, Disagree, or No Opinion.

So please, take the time to either borrow from our statements at the upper part of the Questionnaire or write your own. But write something in that blank space above where we have made a place for you to write your name and address toward the bottom of the Testimony Questionnaire.

Please send a copy of your Testimony, no matter how you feel about the issue, to American Land Rights at ccushman@pacifier.com.

Write in the Subject line: Copy of Testimony Sent to Congress. Otherwise we won't know whether you sent it to Congress or not. And we would like to know how you feel about the issues. You do not have to send a copy to us.

-----Testimony Questionnaire – Please be sure to edit the Testimony Questionnaire so our e-mail information and instructions are removed.

-----The Committee Hearing on the National Wetlands Land Grab Bill, HR 2421, on April 16th. Chairman Oberstar is trying to rush this bill so a Mark-up (vote) could come as early as April or May. They tried to sneak a vote in November but your e-mails and phone calls stopped them.

The official name of HR 2421 is the Clean Water Restoration Act but it does virtually nothing for clean water and is mostly about land use control. It would greatly expand the power of and the amount of land regulated by 1972 Clean Water Act and the Corps of Engineers.

-----See Action Items Below.

-----Updated -- Committee Staff Members do change and we have corrected several additional committee e-mail addresses below. If you find e-mail does not work, call the Congressman's office at (202) 225-3121 and ask for the staff person. Then ask for the correct e-mail. Send us an e-mail telling us about the correction.

Edit out all above this line before e-mailing this message.

Testimony Questionnaire below:

-----Fax, and E-mail Deadline Wednesday, April 16th.
Congressional Testimony Questionnaire

Testimony For The Record
HR 2421 -- Clean Water Restoration Act (also Clean Water Act).
We call it the (National Wetlands Corps of Engineers Land Use Control Bill)

Honorable _____
US House of Representatives (Be sure to write the name of your Congressman and also James Oberstar, Chairman of the Committee.)

HR 2421, The Clean Water Restoration Act, is really a massive Federal land and water power grab. It will use "wetlands" to take control over every farm, ranch, and piece of private property with any water on it or even if the landowner only engage in activities that might affect water.

It expands the authority of the Federal government under the Clean Water Act of 1972 and the Corps of Engineers to include all waters of the U.S. and activities affecting these waters.

It will give the Corps of Engineers control over most private property.

In the words of Reed Hopper of Pacific Legal Foundation, lead attorney in a landmark U.S. Supreme Court victory, "...this bill pushes the limits of federal power to an extreme not matched by any other law, probably in the history of this country."

Below are my concerns and testimony regarding HR 2421, the inappropriately named Clean Water Restoration Act. It has little to do with clean water and is mostly about land use control.

Please allow this Testimony to be submitted for the record for any additional hearings to be held on HR 2421, the Clean Water Restoration Act, or the Clean Water Act.

Please consider a photocopy of this document as valid as the original and include my testimony for the official record.

Signature _____
Print Your Name _____

Dear Private Property and Multiple-Use Advocate:

You must send your testimony in immediately. H.R. 2421 may come up for a hearing and possibly a vote in the House in April or May.

The Committee Chairman tried to rush a vote in November. It is imperative that you act now. The Clean Water Restoration Act may be the biggest threat to property rights and local control yet.

Rep. Oberstar changed the rules so that if you have sent in testimony before, you need to send it again with Chairman James Oberstar's name also on the Testimony as well as your own Congressman. You can send copies to each Member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee listed below.

The bill would overturn two U.S. Supreme Court decisions that favored landowners and local government. It would give federal agencies and the Corps of Engineers in particular almost unlimited control over your land, your water and that of all your neighbors.

Reed Hopper, lead attorney in the latest Supreme Court victory for landowners said "*.....this bill pushes the limit of federal power to an extreme not matched by any other law, probably in the history of this country.*" Jim Burling, senior attorney for the Pacific Legal Foundation, said "*If our constitutional system of limited federal powers means anything, we have to win on this issue.*"

It is important that you fill out the following testimony questionnaire and send it to your Congressman and all those Congressmen on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee listed below. It must be submitted by e-mail or fax by Wednesday, April 16th. Ask your Congressman to make sure it is put in the record of any upcoming hearing on HR 2421. Do not wait until the last minute. Be sure to send your testimony in early.

Please act on this as soon as you get this e-mail message. Do not put it off until tomorrow. Tomorrow may be too late. Supporters of this bill are trying to ram HR 2421 through before people like you realize how dangerous it is.

Below is a Testimony Questionnaire for you to fill out and e-mail or fax back to your Congressman and the Members of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in the US House of Representatives.

Be sure to check to see if your Congressman is on the Transportation Committee. This makes your Testimony even more valuable.

-----Alert -- Be aware of the legal concept called “laches” or “sleeping on your rights.” You may lose future legal rights later if you fail to comment or testify on HR 2421. So at least send this Testimony Questionnaire and possibly a letter opposing HR 2421. It can be as short as one page or longer.

-----In the next section you will see a series of statements about HR 2421 that American Land Rights agrees with but you don't have to.

This Testimony Questionnaire is about helping you get your testimony to Congress. Your Congressman and the Members of the Committee want to know what you think. It is critical that you write your responses to the statements with your opinion and not what you think we would want you to write. You are free to disagree with us. You can add comments to each statement or change the statements to fit your preference.

You have a chance to change the course of history on the whole “wetlands”, Clean Water Act, or Corps of Engineers regulation issue by filling out this Testimony Questionnaire, writing your Congressman's name in the appropriate place, and e-mailing it to all the Members of Congress listed below. Send it to your neighbors and friends also.

We would appreciate it if you would send a copy to American Land Rights with the words “copy sent to Members of Congress in the subject line.

Very Important :

-----Please save this document to your word processor, edit the document in your word processor and e-mail it or print it out and fax it to your Congressman and the other Members of the Transportation Committee listed below. Your personal comments make this document more valuable. So be sure to fill in the blank space with your own personal comments or concerns below where the section is with the Agree-Disagree statements are listed.

--1. The jurisdiction of federal agencies under the Clean Water Act of 1972 should remain limited to navigable waters and not expanded to include all waters of the U.S., such as wetlands, sloughs, meadows, intermittent streams, prairie potholes, ponds, playa lakes, mudflats and sandflats.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

--2. The definition of wetlands under federal jurisdiction should be limited to those areas that are permanently wet or free flowing.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

--3. The Clean Water Act 1972 should not be used as a tool for national land use controls.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

--4. The Clean Water Act of 1972 should not be expanded to include activities affecting waters.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

--5. The U. S. Supreme Court decisions of 2001 and 2006 that ruled in favor of local government and landowners should not be overturned by the proposed Clean Water Restoration Act (HR 2421).

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

--6. Mostly dry land and isolated wetlands should be excluded from federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act of 1972.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

--7. The definition of pollutants under the Clean Water Act of 1972 should not include clean fill or natural material of any kind.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

--8. The term 'discharge' should not apply to the disturbance of soils or natural materials.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

--9. Citizens cited for violation of regulations under the Clean Water Act of 1972 should not face criminal penalties.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

--10. National Water Quality goals should be achieved without violating constitutionally protected property rights.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

--11. National Water Quality goals are best achieved by local and state governments, rather than by federal agencies.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

--12. National Water Quality goals should consider priorities and costs

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

--13. National Water Quality goals should consider regional differences in landscapes and other ecological characteristics.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

--14. 'Regulatory Takings' that devalue private property should be compensated under provisions of the 5th Amendment.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

--15. Access to and use and enjoyment of public lands and waters should be guaranteed under provisions of the Clean Water Act.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

--16. 'Environmental' organizations have become too radical and have too much power and influence over federal legislation.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

--17. The Clean Water Restoration Act and other environmental legislation is often not about environmental protection, but about control over land, water, and people.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

--18. Please do not give the Corps of Engineers increased power to regulate more private land.

Agree.....Disagree.....No Opinion

(Your written comments here are essential if you want Members of Congress to really pay attention to this document. You are free to use as much space as you need. But please write some comments below before sending this important document to Congress.)

Open space for your personal comments.

(If needed, use additional sheets or attach a personal letter)

To validate your comments please fill in completely (PRINT or TYPE) and be sure to sign.

Signature _____

Name _____

E-Mail _____ Fax _____

_____ Phone _____

Address _____
Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please do not fail to send this testimony questionnaire even if you receive it late.

Deadline for Fax, E-mail Wednesday, April 16th. You should e-mail or fax it early. Don't wait until the last minute. And don't use US Mail. The Anthrax mail inspections in Washington are slowing the mail down by weeks and months. However, if you receive this message late, the Committee will usually accept testimony late.

Please edit out or cut below this line before sending to your
Congressmen and others on the Transportation Committee.

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-----Background:

HR 2421, The Clean Water Restoration Act, what we call the National Wetlands Land Grab Act, is really a massive Federal land and water power grab. It will use the Corps of Engineers regulation of "wetlands" under the 1972 Clean Water Act as the pretext to take control over every farm, ranch, and piece of private property with any water on it or even if you only engage in activities that might affect water.

HR 2421 expands the authority of the Federal government under the Clean Water Act of 1972 to include all waters of the U.S. and activities affecting these waters.

In the words of Reed Hopper of Pacific Legal Foundation, lead attorney in a landmark U.S. Supreme Court victory, "...this bill pushes the limits of federal power to an extreme not matched by any other law, probably in the history of this country."

Original Hearing Date Thursday, December 6, 2007
That hearing was cancelled.
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
James Oberstar (D-MN), Chairman

Your E-mail and Fax Testimony Deadline is Wednesday, April 16th
but be sure to send it early.

The chief author of HR 2421, titled the Clean Water Restoration Act, is Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman James Oberstar (D-MN). By Oberstar's own admission, the bill is intended to overturn two U.S. Supreme Court decisions that recently ruled in favor of local government and local landowners on Wetlands issues.

In both cases, the high court ruled that the federal government exceeded the authority granted under the Federal Water Pollution

Control Act of 1972, what is commonly called on Wetlands issues the Clean Water Act of 1972.

In the latest case, a Michigan landowner faced steep fines and a recommended 5-year jail sentence for moving gravel on his property, located some 20 miles from the nearest navigable water.

-----Reasons To Oppose Oberstar's Wetlands Land Grab Bill (HR 2421):

-----A. HR 2421 replaces the word 'navigable' waters under the 1972 Clean Water Act with 'waters of the U.S.,' including wetlands, sloughs, ponds, meadows, prairie potholes, sandflats, mudflats, playa lakes, and intermittent streams. This change vastly increases the land area covered by this Wetlands--land use control legislation.

-----B. Adds the new language 'activities affecting these waters,' essentially a thinly-disguised attempt at national land use control;

-----C. This bill is a wolf in sheep's clothing. Rep. Oberstar is attempting to get his way by using the popular political appeal of the nice sounding term 'clean water' and by using his newly gained power as chairman of a major 'pork committee' to intimidate the bill's opponents, including elected officials in his own state;

-----D. The bill is intended to overturn two U.S. Supreme Court wetlands cases (SWANCC, 2001 and Rapanos, 2006) that ruled in favor of landowners and local government;

-----E. In the later case, a Michigan landowner faced stiff fines and a possible 5 year prison sentence for moving gravel on his land located 20 miles from the nearest navigable waterway. If you do anything on your land without permission, you could be facing criminal penalties;

-----F. The bill is an attempt to control 'non-point sources' of water pollution, essentially any type of significant uses--farming, logging, mining, development of any kind, and even atmospheric deposition;

-----G. The bill will be also be used by environmental groups to restrict and prohibit uses of Federal lands and waters, including and especially motorized recreational uses;

-----H. The bill will result in endless litigation, unacceptable permitting delays, and will be a severe blow to property rights and local control;

-----I. There are serious constitutional concerns with the bill, and states should not relinquish control of natural resources to the federal government;

-----J. Many of the 170 co-sponsors of the bill have supported it because of the political appeal of the term "clean water", and because Oberstar's position as chairman of a powerful pork committee to intimidate the bill's opponents by depriving them of funding for projects in their home districts; and

-----K. This could be the biggest threat to freedom and property rights ever!! As Jim Burling, senior attorney for the Pacific Legal

Foundation said recently, "If our constitutional system of limited federal powers means anything, we have to win on this issue."

-----L. We all want clean water. HR 2421 does virtually nothing about clean water. People in rural areas may not realize that if HR 2421 passes, they have traded local and state controls for new land use regulations by the Corps of Engineers. That is a bad trade.

Action Items:

-----1. Check to see if your Congressman is on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee listed below. If so, you need to call, fax and e-mail him or her with white hot intensity over the next two weeks.

-----2. Please call, e-mail and fax your member of Congress whether he or she are on the Committee or now. Ask him or her to oppose HR 2421, this new Federal power grab. You may call any Congressman at (202) 225-3121. Ask him or her to write Members of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to oppose HR 2421 and send you a copy of their letter.

-----3. Your deadline for testimony is Wednesday, April 16th. You must deluge your Member of Congress with calls, faxes and e-mails immediately. Get your friends, neighbors and business associates to call.

-----4. Call, fax and e-mail each Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in opposition to HR 2421.. We have provided an updated and corrected staff and e-mail list below. Staff is always changing. If an e-mail does not work, call the staff member to get the current e-mail. Any Congressman can be called at (202) 225-3121. This is a little work and you don't have much time. Failure to defeat HR 2421 would be a disaster for private property rights and you.

-----5. Ask any organizations or groups you are part of to fax or e-mail a letter opposing HR 2421. Make sure they send you a copy and if you would, send us a copy too.

-----6. You can send testimony for the record to the following addresses. You must get your testimony in by Wednesday, April 16th. Try to get your Testimony in early. Send your Testimony to both the Majority (Democrats) and Minority (Republicans).

-----Reminder -- Be aware of the legal concept called "laches" or "sleeping on your rights." You may lose legal rights later if you fail to comment or testify on HR 2421. So at least send a letter opposing HR 2421. It can be as short as one page or longer.

Address your testimony: (Committee Address)

Honorable James Oberstar (D-MN) (Be sure to put Oberstar's name on your Testimony as well as that of your own Congressman.)
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Because of the Anthrax postal inspections, mail to Congress can be slowed by several weeks. Mailed testimony will not get there in time. You are safer to fax or e-mail your testimony. The Committee fax number is (202) 226-1270. E-mail: transcomm@mail.house.gov
Be sure to e-mail it to the staff people listed below to make sure they get it in case any e-mail does not work. Call (202) 225-4472 if that e-mail address fails to work.

-----7. Call, fax and e-mail James Oberstar, Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee at his personal office. Honorable James Oberstar, House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515. Fax: (202) 225-0699. Send e-mail to Rep. Oberstar care of the following staff persons: bill.richard@mail.house.gov; john.schadl@mail.house.gov; chip.gardiner@mail.house.gov; meloday.hamoud@mail.house.gov; kipp.johnson@mail.house.gov; jonathan.rucks@mail.house.gov.

-----8. Call, Fax and e-mail John Mica (R-FL), Ranking Minority Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Because the Committee Chairman, James Oberstar, is also the author of HR 2421 you may not receive favorable treatment of your testimony from him. Also send Rep. Mica a copy of your testimony.

Address it: Honorable John Mica (R-FL), Ranking Minority Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, 2165 Rayburn House Office Building, House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515. Minority Phone: (202) 225-9446. Minority Fax: (202) 225-6782. Send e-mail to John Mica and Don Young (R-AK) at the Committee care of: jon.pawlow@mail.house.gov; geoff.bowman@mail.house.gov; john.anderson1@mail.house.gov

-----9. Send a copy of your testimony to both your Senators. The Senate version is S 1870 and is worded exactly like the HR 2421. It is sponsored by Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI). By wording both bills the same, they are looking to ram through this bill fast before you get a chance to get organized. You must forward this e-mail to as many friends and business associates as possible.

-----10. Ask organizations or groups in your State to send letters by fax or e-mail opposing HR 2421. Especially those involved in farming, ranching, and anyone who owns private land. Get copies of all the letters or resolutions to all the Members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee listed below. Send them to ALRA as well.

-----11. Call your local representative of the American Farm Bureau to urge them to go all out against HR 2421. Ask to be put on any special mailing lists the Farm Bureau may be sending out. Send us the contact information, phone number and e-mail of your local American Farm Bureau Representative. Ask for a copy of a letter from the Farm Bureau to Mr. Oberstar opposing HR 2421.

-----12. No matter where you live, but especially if you live in Minnesota or better still, in Rep. Oberstar's district, it is critical that you notify organizational leaders as well as average citizens to have them send letters and pass resolutions to Reps. Oberstar and John Mica opposing HR 2421.

Also notify your state legislators and local elected officials. You should hold local public meetings and get as many people in your area

as possible informed about HR 2421. This is especially true in Minnesota. Of course you should do this in other states as well.

There are 300 green groups supporting the HR 2421 and 171 Congressmen are co-sponsoring HR 2421 so far. Oberstar has said publicly that the House will pass the bill. You must help prove him wrong. He is twisting arms by threatening to withhold pork money for local projects, which he controls, from each Members district unless they support his bill.

American Land Rights Association is working as a team with the American Property Coalition in Minnesota and many other organizations across America to defeat HR 2421. You can reach the American Property Coalition at donp@americanpropertycoalition.org or mail:

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(651) 224-6219

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Below is the fax and e-mail list of most of the Members of the Committee. You need to send your e-mail care of one of their staff that we have listed. You may call any Congressman at (202) 225-3121

Chair: Oberstar (D-MN)	42 Democrats
Ranking Minority: Mica (R-FL)	33 Republicans

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By sending e-mailing, faxing or mailing the Testimony Questionnaire below, you can have a profound affect on the future of land use in America and you can personally make a difference in how Congress writes the law. Don't miss your chance to affect history.

You must take urgent action to help stop HR 2421. This bill will have a huge impact on rural America, farming, ranching and private lands. No one who owns private land is safe.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

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