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Every Friday, this newsletter will keep you up to speed on some of the legislation important to Texas Farm Bureau members that Austin staff are following.

Please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate staff with any questions.

2019 Texas Farm Bureau Leadership Conference: Grassroots Advocacy Focuses on Eminent Domain

More than 400 Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) members traveled to Austin this week for the Leadership Conference. These members visited with legislators from across the state to advocate for eminent domain reform. As reported in last week's newsletter, SB 421 and HB 991 were filed last week. And TFB members were asked to contact their legislators to ask them to co-author these bills as a sign of support. This week, our members followed-up personally on this request. The following is a list of the legislative offices visited:

Texas Senate

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| Brian Birdwell | Dawn Buckingham | Donna Campbell |
| Brandon Creighton | Pat Fallon | Pete Flores |
| Bob Hall | Kelly Hancock | Joan Huffman |
| Bryan Hughes | Loris Kolkhorst | Jose Menendez |
| Borris Miles | Jane Nelson | Robert Nichols |
| Charles Perry | Jose Rodriguez | Charles Schwertner |
| Kel Seliger | Larry Taylor | Kirk Watson |

Judith Zaffirini

Texas House of Representatives

Steve Allison	Doc Anderson	Trent Ashby	Ernest Bailes
Cecil Bell	Keith Bell	Diego Bernal	Kyle Biedermann
Dwayne Bohac	Dennis Bonnen	Greg Bonnen	Rhett Bowers
John Bucy	Brad Buckley	DeWayne Burns	Dustin Burrows
Terry Canales	Travis Clardy	Philip Cortez	Tom Craddick
John Cyrier	Drew Darby	Sarah Davis	Jay Dean
Joe Deshotel	Alex Dominguez	Dan Flynn	James Frank
John Frullo	Barbara Gervin-Hawkins	Craig Goldman	Mary Gonzalez
Bobby Guerra	Ryan Guillen	Roland Gutierrez	Cody Harris
Cole Hefner	Abel Herrero	Justin Holland	Cole Hefner
Todd Hunter	Julie Johnson	Kyle Kacal	Ken King
Tracy King	Stephanie Klick	Matt Krause	John Kuemple
Stan Lambert	Brooks Landgraf	Mike Lang	Lyle Larson
Jeff Leach	Ben Leman	Oscar Longoria	Jose Lozano
Eddie Lucio III	Trey Martinez Fischer	Armando Martinez	Will Metcalf
Mayes Middleton	Rick Miller	Ina Minjarez	Geanie Morrison
Sergio Munoz Jr.	Jim Murphy	Andrew Murr	Poncho Nevarez
Leo Pacheco	Chris Paddie	Tan Parker	Four Price
John Raney	Eddie Rodriguez	Ramon Romero	Scott Sanford
Matt Schaefer	J.D. Sheffield	Hugh Shine	Reggie Smith
John Smithee	Drew Springer	Phil Stephenson	Jonathan Stickland
Lynn Stucky	James Talarico	Tony Tinderholt	Steve Toth

Gary VanDeaver	James White	Terry Willison	John Wray
Bill Zedler	John Zerwas	Erin Zwiener	

The feedback at these meetings was positive, but we must follow up! Things can change quickly at the Capitol depending on what our opposition's lobbyists are telling your legislators.

Also, we have many verbal commitments to co-author SB 421 and HB 991, but we must make sure legislators take action. Each week will provide a list of the current co-authors. If your legislator isn't on these lists, please contact them.

A strong list of co-authors demonstrates that the Legislature is serious about supporting eminent domain reform this session. As of January 31, 2019 this is the list of co-authors:

HB 991 by Burns

Charles "Doc" Anderson	Trent Ashby	Stan Lambert
Mike Lang	Dr. J.D. Sheffield	Hugh Shine
Phil Stephenson	Gary VanDeaver	

SB 421 by Kolkhorst

Charles Perry

TFB Poll Results on Eminent Domain

TFB had an opportunity this fall to participate in a statewide voter poll with two other membership organizations. As a participant, we were allowed to ask voters some questions on an issue important to TFB. Therefore, we used our questions to ask voters how they felt about our priorities for eminent domain reform. Texas voters overwhelming agreed with our position! This was consistent among Republicans and Democrats from both rural and urban areas. This poll proves that private property rights and eminent domain reform are important to ALL Texans.

[Click here to view the results from the poll](#)

TFB members are welcome to use this information when visiting with your legislators about supporting SB 421 and HB 991.

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