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NO TAXATION ON GOVERNMENT CONDEMNATION!

END the taxation of eminent domain victims, cosponsor THE EMINENT DOMAIN TAX RELIEF ACT

Dear Colleague:

Congress has an important opportunity to address not only eminent domain abuse but also fundamental tax fairness for those who are forced to sell their property as result of eminent domain. In the previous Congress, I introduced the Eminent Domain Tax Relief Act of 2005. On June 23rd, 2008, I will be re-introducing this important taxpayer assistance bill in recognition of the 3rd Anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Kelo* decision.

This bill would exempt individuals who lose their homes or businesses through eminent domain from paying capital gains tax on the revenue from the forced sale. These individuals did not make the choice to sell their property, and therefore, they should not be penalized under the tax code for a decision they did not make.

This bill would exempt individuals from taxation in ALL instances of eminent domain—including historically accepted uses such as for schools and roads. If the government makes the choice to exercise eminent domain, then the government should not add insult to injury by taxing those people who are losing their homes and businesses.

Please contact Josh Waller of my staff by phone at 5-2931 or by email (josh.waller@mail.house.gov) to be an original cosponsor of this bill and speak out for tax fairness and property rights.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil Gingrey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Member of Congress