

United States Congressman Tom Reed  
89 W. Market Street  
Corning, NY 14830

**Re: HR 510, the Defense of Property Rights Act**

Dear Congressman Reed,

I write in strong support of HR 510, the Defense of Property Rights Act, which you introduced on January 22, 2015. This legislation strongly defends property rights and ensures that federal or state agencies are held accountable for their regulatory actions which could affect the value of private property. In addition, the legislation provides affected landowners the opportunity to seek compensation from those actions.

Recent actions by Governor Cuomo to ban hydraulic fracturing have significantly diminished the value of my land in New York. The Defense of Property Rights Act would ensure that landowners like me affected by this action will be justly compensated.

Rights to private property are clearly spelled out in the Fifth Amendment to our Constitution. Unfortunately, Governor Cuomo's actions have infringed upon my rights solely to serve his political ambitions and in complete disregard to the property rights of thousands of New York landowners. A legislative solution is needed to address this unlawful taking. HR 510, the Defense of Property Rights Act, is a vital piece of legislation to ensure that private property rights are protected now and in the future. Thank you for your work on this important legislation.

Respectfully,

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