

**RESOLUTION**  
**of the**  
**COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN, ILLINOIS**  
**R2023 CB 004**

Resolution opposing Illinois General Assembly HB2202, Underground CO2 Storage Act, any trailer bill, or any bill similar too, or any bill where the 102<sup>nd</sup> Illinois General Assembly seeks to impose eminent domain on privately owned land for CO2 storage; puts the health, safety and protection of Illinois citizens at risk; and exposes the States to great financial risk by assuming all liability of a sequestration project.

**WHEREAS**, this bill desires to use eminent domain upon Illinois Land Owners and Citizens of Illinois that will not to be used by the State or Federal Government for a public use, but rather for privately held or publicly traded companies, and;

**WHEREAS**, the language contained throughout this bill gives preferential treatment to the companies seeking leases and easements, not the land owners, tax payers or citizens of Illinois, and;

**WHEREAS**, we do not believe the simple majority of 61% consent is adequate to force the sequestration field, the bill proposes Integration of ownership to obtain a larger land mass, to help meet the proposed 61% level, and;

**WHEREAS**, we do not believe that any unknown or missing pore space owner shall be deemed to have consented, and;

**WHEREAS**, we do not believe this provides adequate fees, notification or timing for the public to make informed decisions, and;

**WHEREAS**, this bill allows operator to identify documentation and information as confidential and allows them to keep this information from the public, for example safety manuals, and;

**WHEREAS**, this bill protects the operator from any claim of subsurface trespass and other non specific language that protects the operator from liability, and;

**WHEREAS**, upon the issuance of a certificate of project completion, the tax payers of the State of Illinois take title to the storage facility and all carbon dioxide stored therein. The citizens of the State of Illinois “assumes responsibility for ALL regulatory requirements associated with the storage facility and stored carbon dioxide, and the storage operator and the owner of the storage facility are RELEASED from responsibility for ALL regulatory requirements associated with the storage facility and stored carbon dioxide” and;

**WHEREAS**, “The State assumes any potential liability associated with the storage facility and stored carbon.”

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the elected officials of the Christian County Board that we hereby oppose HB2202 and any trailer bill, or any bill similar too, and;

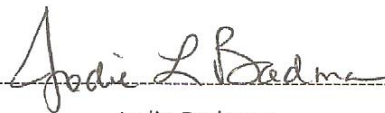
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, we oppose the use of eminent domain for any CO2 Pipeline and storage area, we oppose any bill that puts the health and safety of citizens of Christian County at unnecessary risk, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of Christian County is hereby directed to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to all members of the Illinois General Assembly and to the Office of the Governor.

Passed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023, pursuant to roll call as follows:

Present	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

  
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Bryan Sharp  
Chairman of the Christian County Board

  
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Jodie Badman  
Clerk of the County of Christian, Illinois