

**Governor George E. Pataki**  
**Executive Chamber**  
**State Capitol**  
**Albany, NY 12224**  
**Via Fax: 518-474-1513**

**Re: PLEASE SIGN SENATE BILL 8349!**

09/26/2006

Dear Governor Pataki:

I am writing to urge you to promptly sign Senate bill 8349 into law. This bill is designed to close a loophole in the Transportation Corporations Act that allows the abuse of eminent domain. The bill was passed by large majorities in both houses and deserves your immediate attention.

I'm sure that you are aware that there is overwhelming support by New Yorkers all across the state (as well as citizens across the country) for reform of the laws that regulate the use of eminent domain. The power to take private property for public benefit is a power that should be used in only the most extreme circumstances, and never for private corporations that lack transparency.

Currently, organizations are filing as "Transportation Corporations" for the purpose of circumventing other state laws restricting the use of eminent domain. The Legislature has acted to ensure that eminent domain is truly only used for the most public of purposes and not for the profit of private developers. This bill is a first step in controlling improper uses of eminent domain in New York State.

Sincerely,

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