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Dear Member,

Acre-by-acre, community-by-community, we are changing our nation from the ground up.

Let us tell you about a few of the newest communities implementing our coordination strategy that have forever changed the way federal and state decisions are made in their regions. They include: Mason County, Texas; the Arizona Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District; and Lincoln County, Colorado. None of these could have happened without your support.

One common thread throughout all of these unique areas is the local leaders who have stepped forward, learned the coordination process, and required federal and state agencies to come to the table to make their plans consistent with local priorities. In all of these areas, they are having remarkable success protecting private property and local economies.

First, let us tell you what is happening in Mason County, Texas. The state wants to construct a new electric transmission line to connect the wind farms in West Texas with the population centers to the east by 2013 as mandated by the state Legislature. This has forced state agencies to quickly, and rather irresponsibly, select hundreds of miles of new routes for massive 18 story-high lattice towers. One of their proposed routes goes through the pristine Hill Country in Mason County and Mason will absorb all of the negative impact without being able to use any of the electricity.

As soon as the route was laid on the map through Mason, the County and City of Mason created a Sub-Regional Planning Commission (MSRPC) in the same fashion the Mayors in Eastern Bell County did to stop the Trans-Texas Corridor. Through our guidance, they found that LCRA's planning efforts were in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and have now been legally and publicly noticed as to their duty under federal law through the MSRPC.

Last month, during their third coordination meeting with the Southwest Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Service agreed with the Commission that LCRA has a duty under NEPA and that they are requiring LCRA to conduct a "rigorous Environmental Impact Statement." While the fight is far from over, Mason has won round one.

In Arizona, a special conservation district is implementing coordination. The Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District (WNRCD), chaired by long-time member Bill Dunn, has taken on two critical issues: the building of another large transmission line, and the proposed listing of the Sonoran Desert Tortoise as an endangered species. In just two coordination meetings with the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, WNRCD has raised significant local impacts that must be considered before the transmission line can be built or the species can be listed.

Fortunately, a former Supervisor of WNRCD, Walt Meyers, is also a well respected Range Ecologist who just completed an 18 year-long study on the Desert Tortoise. Through the coordination process they are submitting the study and now have far superior scientific data than the environmental groups that originally filed the petition to list. And, their study shows that cattle grazing does not impact the tortoise.

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Because WNRCDC is coordinating this issue, they are now poised to use the federal law to insist the agency deny the petition to list the tortoise as endangered based on the "best scientific information" available through Walt Meyer's study.

In Lincoln County, Colorado, the Citizens Against Railroad Relocation (CARR) has been fighting a freight rail relocation line that would split their farming and ranching community in half. After attending our annual meeting, the Lincoln County Commissioners asserted their coordination authority and held their first meeting with the Colorado Department of Transportation's Executive Director and staff.

The executive director, after hearing the presentations, stated Lincoln County should have been involved in the planning process from the beginning. And, before leaving, he committed to return within the next two months to continue their discussions, address their concerns, and ensure they would be closely involved. Had Lincoln County not asserted their coordinate authority, CDOT would be pushing forward with their plans despite the vocal public objections. Now, Lincoln County will be on the ground floor of any environmental study ensuring the local economy and productive use of the land are priority issues.

Every community has the same opportunity as these three to assert their coordinate authority and demand accountability from federal and state planning agencies. We are witnessing the great progress that can be made by fighting these issues at the local level. People and their property are gaining protection.

Because you have supported us, we have been able to train, guide and help these remarkable leaders implement coordination. Because of your support, the coordination successes are spreading and more and more people are studying this approach as a way to protect their land, local economies and way of life.

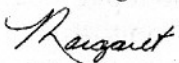
To better help spread the word we have published a booklet entitled "Coordination: A Strategy for Local Control," which is designed to introduce your local leaders and elected officials to this important process. This professionally designed booklet provides answers about coordination and sets forth the steps to take to get the process started in your area.

We will send you copies of this booklet today for your generous contribution of \$35 or more so that you can give these away to the local leaders in your community. This is our way of thanking you for continuing to support our work and getting our message out to as many local leaders as possible.

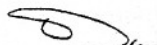
No other organization in the nation is teaching people how to implement this important strategy. No other strategy put forward to protect property rights has demonstrated such remarkable success on projects big and small. We must continue this important work. Will you help us by making a much needed contribution today?

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Warm regards,



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