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H. R. 10135

To prohibit the exercise of eminent domain over agricultural land, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 20, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Not In My Barn Yard
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON EXERCISE OF EMINENT DOMAIN**
7 **OVER AGRICULTURAL LAND.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Federal Government may
9 not exercise eminent domain over any agricultural land if

1 a feasible alternative to the public use for which the Gov-
2 ernment seeks to exercise eminent domain is available.

3 (b) APPLICATION TO PENDING EXERCISES OF EMI-
4 NENT DOMAIN.—The prohibition under subsection (a)
5 shall not apply with respect to any exercise of eminent
6 domain that commenced before the date of enactment of
7 this Act.

8 (c) AGRICULTURAL LAND DEFINED.—The term “ag-
9 ricultural land”—

10 (1) means land in the United States that is
11 used, as of the date on which the Government seeks
12 to exercise eminent domain, or has been used during
13 the previous 5-year period, for farming, ranching,
14 forestry production, or timber production; and

15 (2) does not include land not exceeding ten
16 acres in the aggregate, if the annual gross receipts
17 from the sale of the farm, ranch, forestry, or timber
18 products produced thereon do not exceed \$1,000.

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