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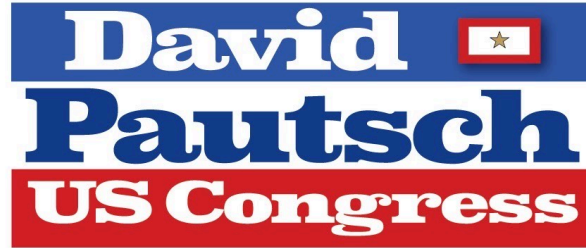
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**Pautsch Slams Iowa Governor for Betraying Landowners: “This is a Blatant Violation of the Fifth Amendment.”**

**DAVENPORT, IOWA** — Republican congressional candidate David Pautsch yesterday blasted Governor Kim Reynolds for vetoing a bipartisan bill that would have protected Iowa landowners from private eminent domain abuse — calling the move a “direct assault on the U.S. Constitution.”

“This is a betrayal of the people,” said Pautsch. “The Governor slow-walked this bill while lobbyists swarmed Terrace Hill. In the end, she sided with powerful pipeline interests over Iowa farmers. It’s government-sanctioned theft — plain and simple.” - “This isn’t just bad policy — it’s government-sanctioned theft.” — David Pautsch

The Governor’s veto, delivered at the last possible moment, clears the way for private corporations to seize farmland — a clear violation of the Fifth Amendment, which guarantees that no person shall “be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.”

“This is more than just an Iowa issue — it’s a constitutional crisis,” Pautsch said. “Jasper, Mahaska, and Des Moines Counties are in the crosshairs. Farmers across the state deserve protection — not betrayal.”

Pautsch, a business leader, U.S. Army veteran, and founder of the annual Quad Cities Prayer Breakfast, has long stood with Iowa's agricultural community.

"Backbone is missing in Des Moines," he continued. "We may not have faced a test like this before, but now we have — and too many so-called leaders have failed it. Iowans must stop electing politicians who trample our freedoms to serve the highest private-interest bidder."

Pautsch is calling on the Iowa Legislature to override the veto and is encouraging national voices to join the fight.

#### MEDIA NOTE:

David Pautsch is available for interviews by phone, Zoom, or in person. High-resolution photos and video clips are available upon request, or go to: <https://www.davidpautsch.com/media/>

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