Urgent Action Alert!

We are calling on all of you to take a few minutes to contact members of the House Rules Committee to ask them to “Vote NO on SB939.” This bill is on the House Rules Committee Agenda for **March 30th at 1:30pm**, so please reach out to them no later than noon on Tuesday.

**SB939** (Sen. Taylor and Rep. Pfeiffer) would exempt business sectors designated as “critical infrastructure sectors” from “nuisance” lawsuits.

- This bill is far too general and does not clearly delineate WHAT will be exempted from nuisance lawsuits, nor does it explain HOW determinations will be made, nor WHO will have the authority to make them.
- It does not define “nuisance lawsuit,” nor offer any limits for such a definition.
- Given the fact that during the COVID crisis, the Governor of Oklahoma appeared to randomly change what constitutes “critical infrastructure and workforce,” there is too much room for abusing this law if it passes.
- Currently, agriculture and oil and gas are notorious for causing legal problems categorized as “nuisance scenarios,” and so there is a great risk of harm to land owners and communities adjacent to such businesses without them having any legal recourse to stop the harm or correct the problems if such a generic bill like this one is passed.
- This bill is a “slippery slope” bill that attempts to use “security concerns” as an excuse for giving a business a “get out of jail free card” for any problem they cause, no matter how serious or dangerous their “nuisance” may be.

Please contact your Representative if s/he is a member of this committee, or feel free to contact all of them to ask them to “Vote NO on SB939.”

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Thank you for taking quick action on this important bill!