

My name is Burt Newsome and my wife and I currently live at 237 Sapelo Rd. I'm sure you know who we are and where we live.

I would confidently say that most of you are pursuing the American Dream of buying a house that you are living in now and would say that your ultimate goal is to pay it off someday, if you haven't already, and to sell it at a profit at some later date. I would also say that this house is more than likely the one that you chose or you and your spouse chose together. It might not be the retirement home you have in mind, but it will be a step in the right direction of achieving that goal. Knowing what you paid the people on Banks Rd., and most of them came out at least 2 or 3 times (or more) better off than they were; and the man that owned the property next to us came out pretty good also, why do we, having the nicest place acquired to this point, have to be the sacrificial lamb and take a loss? I guarantee if any of you were put in the same situation that we are in, being told that you are going to receive less than 2/3rds of what you thought your property was worth or was offered to people around you, and was going to have to move, you would be fighting as hard as you could to at least be given a fair and just settlement for your property. We are not trying to get rich off of this; we only want to be treated fair and we don't believe that that is happening.

As it stands today, the deal that you are forcing us to take will not let us rebuild a house to the standards that our current house is somewhere else with the amount of property that we have. We could one or the other, not both. And it will successfully erase the last 25 years of our lives pursuing the American Dream of owning the biggest asset that a citizen of this country could have, and that is owning a home of their dreams, not one someone else says they have to settle for because they were forced to take less than 2/3 of the value of their current home while being forced out. It is too late for us, my wife and me, to start over where we were 25 years ago. We don't have the time or the finances to do that. We will never be able to live in the house of our dreams because of what you are doing to us. As it stands now, the last 25 years or more of my life pursuing the Dream of owning the house of my choice has been in vain. In dealing with T.H.C., it would surprise me if you even know what their highest offer made to us was considering that it wasn't in writing and how it was presented to us.

Although you have the law on your side, that does not make it right! This deal will neither leave us with just compensation for the property in question or whole as

the law says or was promised to us by Mrs. Greene who told us not to worry, we will be in the same position if not better off when all of this is said and done at the first meeting we attended. That might have happened to a lot of the people on Banks Rd. but it's not happening to us! We are getting screwed!

I don't sleep well as it is now and I know that I would sleep even less if I had to go to bed every night knowing what I was doing to people that I could potentially run into everyday if I didn't treat them right. I don't know how you do it.

It is my understanding that this board is supposed to debate an offer that we have made through your legal council tonight; and that there is some concern about justifying it. While the figure offered is not everything that we feel that we should be entitled to, we feel that it can be justified by using the precedent that you set when you agreed to pay our neighbor \$7500 per acre for his track of land and apply that to our property. The appraiser didn't include the 950ft of the finished heated and cooled living area of our basement much less the extra bathroom down there. That would upgrade our house from a 3 or 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2550sq foot house to a 3 or 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bathroom 3500sq foot which combined with the land would justify the price. A decision on your part to accept this offer would settle this so you could go forward with your project and we could move on with our lives.

Emanate Domain is the worst tragedy that the American Government, whether it be federal, state or local, allows to be forced on the citizens of this country.

Thank you,

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