

Rep. Troy Waymaster

The majority of the questions that are posed by Barton County and the Barton and Pawnee County citizens are more directed towards the Federal delegation and the Kansas Corporation Commission. The only two questions that may pertain to the Kansas Legislature are the last two questions:

10. Is the federal government overriding existing state siting processes?

Yes, the language that was included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that allows the Federal government to ignore the states in the process of securing the land for a transmission corridor is a clear violation of state's rights under the US Constitution by the tenth amendment. States, like Kansas, have the ability to site the transmission lines and should not be forced out of the process by the Federal government. I have a bill being drafted that will protect the property rights of landowners and Kansas state's right from an overreaching Federal government. I intend to introduce this bill when session convenes on January 13, 2025. The state of Kansas will most likely face a court battle from the Federal government, however, there have been many cases where the states have won in court over Federal violations to the tenth amendment.

11. Is the federal government overriding the constitutional rights of its citizens by exercising eminent domain?

Yes, the Federal government is violating the constitutional rights of its citizens by exercising eminent domain and is violating the tenth amendment. Again, that is why I am having a bill drafted to protect our citizens and the rights of the state of Kansas. I intend to introduce this bill when session convenes on January 13, 2025 since we are currently out of session.