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PRA URGES A 'YES' VOTE ON COBURN AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2996 PRA Will Key Rate This Vote

Over the past several decades, there has been a proliferation of programs dedicated to the preservation of land that has extended the grasp of the federal government and its influence over local land use and private property rights. Amendment 2482 would protect landowners by requiring government officials to inform citizens within a National Heritage Area of the designation and then receive permission from the landowner before their property is included in the heritage area designation.

National heritage areas are preservation zones where land use and property rights can be restricted. They give the National Park Service and preservation interest groups (many with histories of hostility toward property rights) substantial influence by giving them the authority to create land use “management plans” and then the authority to disburse federal money to local governments to promote their plans. A heritage area is nothing more than a massive planning scheme to impose politically motivated federal zoning across the country.

The federal government owns nearly 650 million acres of land, half of which experience severe maintenance backlogs. Amendment 2482 would protect American taxpayers and property owners by limiting the size and scope of government and allowing citizens to exercise their right to property ownership without government intrusion.