

July 8, 2017

Senator Bill Cassidy, M.D.
Attn: Blake Schindler
520 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Letter of Support for Senate Bill 1219, 2017-2018 Congress, "To provide for stability of title to certain land in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes"

Dear Senator Cassidy:

My wife and I submit this letter in support S. 1219 in order to prevent the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") from claiming our property within Section 30, Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.


Our family purchased our land, minerals and home in the subject section about 16-17 years ago. We have lived in our home on the land ever since. At the time we purchased the lands, there appeared to be no contrary claims or clouds on the title to the property. Had there been any issues with the title, then we would have been able to consider those issues prior to purchase.

Since the time of the BLM's indication in 2013 that they may claim the property, it has caused my family the uncertainty of not knowing whether their claim will truly affect our home and land. The claim also creates the uncertainty of not knowing whether we should invest in the betterment of our home and land until the BLM can disclaim ownership.

It is our hope that S.1219 can resolve the effects which the BLM's re-survey has on our title. In addition, it is upsetting to see that there does not appear to be any other notice provided by the BLM to the other affected land and home owners in the area whose title may also be clouded. The government should not be able to claim a citizen's property without notice.

We support S. 1219 in order to protect our family's ownership of the property at issue, and to ensure we are not subject to further contrary claims of ownership by the federal government.

Sincerely,


Mr. Thomas E. Lewis and Mrs. Linda Thorn-Lewis

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Senator Bill Cassidy, MD
Attn: State Director
730 West Monroe Office Building
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Re: Letter of Request for Senate Bill 1219 (2017-2018 Session). The purpose of this letter is to request that the State of Louisiana and the other parties to the

State of Louisiana

My wife and I submit this letter in support of SB 1219 in order to prevent the State of Louisiana from claiming our property within Section 30, Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Eastern Parish, Louisiana.

Our family purchased our land, minerals and home in the subject section about 1947. We have lived in our home on the land ever since. At the time we purchased the land, there appeared to be no contrary claims or clouds on the title to the property. Had there been any issues with the title, then we would have been able to conduct those issues when we purchased.

Since the time of the BLM's indication in 2013 that they may claim our property, we have not been able to determine whether their claim will truly affect our land. The claim also creates the uncertainty of not knowing whether we should invest in the improvement of our home and land until the BLM can determine ownership.

It is our hope that SB 1219 can resolve the effects which the BLM's survey has on our land. In addition, it is requested to see that there does not appear to be any other better legislation for the State to the other affected land and home owners in the area whose title may also be affected. The government should not be able to claim a citizen's property without notice.

We support SB 1219 in order to protect our family's ownership of the property in question. We are not subject to further comment unless of ownership by the State of Louisiana.

Sincerely,

John Thomas E. Lewis and Mrs. Linda J. Lewis