



MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

RAFTING VS PROPERTY RIGHTS

Last week the Colorado House of Representatives passed one of the most dangerous water bills of the session! HB10-1188(Curry-U-Gunnison), gives river outfitters and their patrons the right to enter a river bed and river bank *without approval* from the property owner.

This bill, stemming from an argument between a land owner, river rafters and a legislator in Gunnison, will damage private property rights throughout our state. Instead of protecting our property rights, 40 Colorado legislators handed the river beds and river banks over to rafting companies who are *not the owners* of the property. Representative Gardner (R-COS), I and 24 other Republicans, fought hard to convince the members of the Colorado House of Representatives that this type of taking of private property is exactly what our founding fathers advised us to oppose.

The investments, taxes and improvements paid for by the property owners are being ignored by allowing rafting companies and their customers' access to private property. Even though property titles clearly grant the ownership and interest in the river beds and river banks to the private property owners, the Colorado General Assembly may still choose to hand these rights over to the rafting industry!

As your neighbor and State Representative, I have fought tirelessly to protect water and private property rights! Some of the most egregious violations of property rights have been justified by policy makers under the umbrella of economic development. HB10-1188 tops them all by giving strangers the right to enter someone else's property without approval from or compensation to the property owners. Millions of brave Americans have fought and died to secure our constitutional rights, and unfortunately now some policy makers are willing to trample those rights to assist the rafting industry!

If you are interested in a copy of HB10-1188 contact me at 303-866-2946 or MarshaLooper@gmail.com. If you want a to make a difference in where our state and country's policies are going, get involved and attend your neighborhood caucus on March 16, 2010. To find your caucus location visit <http://car.elpasoco.com/election> or contact me directly.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your family!

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