

A Resolution censuring Senator Mike Klimesh, for retaliatory actions against fellow Republican senators in violation of principles of fair governance, party unity, legislative independence, and core Republican ideals.

WHEREAS, House File 639 (HF 639), enacted during the 2025 session of the 91st General Assembly, sought to protect Iowa landowners by restricting the use of eminent domain for private hazardous liquid pipeline projects, consistent with the foundational Republican principle that private property rights are supreme except in cases of the most essential and critical public need;

WHEREAS, certain Iowa State Senators demonstrated steadfast commitment to Republican values of limited government, individual liberty, and the protection of private property rights by voting in favor of HF 639;

WHEREAS, other senators exercised their right to political expression and party accountability by endorsing primary challengers to incumbents who opposed HF 639;

WHEREAS, carrying the name "Republican" requires fealty to core Republican principles and ideals, including limited government, individual liberty, protection of private property rights against takings for private gain, free political discourse, and accountability to voters rather than to party leadership;

WHEREAS, in direct response to these principled stands, the Iowa Senate Republican Caucus leadership—including Senator Mike Klimesh (Majority Leader), Senate President Amy Sinclair, and Senate President Pro Tempore Ken Rozenboom—imposed significant punitive changes to committee assignments for the 2026 session, including:

- Senator Doug Campbell was stripped of all committee assignments;
- Senator Mark Lofgren was removed from the Appropriations Committee, the Workforce Committee, and the Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee (including loss of its chairmanship);
- Senator Kevin Alons was removed from the Agriculture Committee, the State Government Committee, and the Workforce Committee; lost his vice chairmanship of the Technology Committee; and was reassigned from State Government to Local Government, while gaining Transportation;
- Senator Dave Sires experienced a reduction in committee influence, including removal from the main Appropriations Committee (retained only on the Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee);

WHEREAS, these targeted demotions and removals undermine collegiality, suppress principled dissent, prioritize factional control over open debate, and erode trust within the Republican Caucus;

WHEREAS, such retaliatory measures discourage independent decision-making, set a dangerous precedent that chills advocacy for property rights and other core issues, and contradict the Republican ideals of individual liberty and accountability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the [COUNTY NAME] County Republican Central Committee that Senator Mike Klimesh is hereby censured for the retaliatory reassignment and removal of senators from committee positions due to their support for HF 639 or endorsement of primary challengers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this censure serves as a formal expression of disapproval and a call for leadership to immediately restore the affected senators to committee roles commensurate with their prior assignments and to commit publicly to an environment of open debate and respect for differing viewpoints within the caucus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Iowa Senate Republican Caucus leadership be urged to prioritize meaningful eminent domain reform legislation in the 2026 session to reaffirm the party's commitment to protecting private property rights;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Mike Klimesh and members of the Iowa Senate Republican Caucus, Governor Kim Reynolds, and relevant media outlets for public record.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

[NAME], Chair, [COUNTY NAME] County Republican Central Committee

[NAME], Vice-Chair, [COUNTY NAME] County Republican Central Committee

[NAME], Secretary, [COUNTY NAME] County Republican Central Committee

Additional Signatories

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Good Morning Patriots,

I received this from one of the patriots and removed the other names that were within the document. It is not a product of FreeSoil Foundation, my only part is distribution.

FreeSoil Foundation does not support a blanket censure of others, Klemish made the decision and he alone should be censured.

Please forward to appropriate members of the central committee for action at their next meeting.

Robert Nazario