



## Kenneth Eaton for U.S. Senate 2008

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### U.S. Senate Candidate Kenneth Eaton Joins Joy Ford's Eminent Domain Battle

Nashville, TN - June 25, 2008 - In recent years politicians and big business have joined in a diabolical alliance to confiscate property from American citizens through the use of eminent domain. Eminent domain was originally created to allow the government to buy private property for public use such as schools, fire halls, etc.

Today, if a big company wants to build a big project and the little guy who owns the property wants more money than the company is willing to pay, the company simply puts a call through to its political cronies and gets them to condemn the property by eminent domain for a more friendly price. It's a filthy, corrupt process that in recent years was actually endorsed by the United States Supreme Court, and it means that your house or place of business is not necessarily safe for you if some big corporation covets it for their own use.



Joy Ford is a strong, independent woman who has helped many aspiring singers and musicians over the years from her small office building off Demonbreun Street, near Music Row. A huge Houston Developer, the Lionstone Group, wants her property so they can build a \$100 million office, condo and hotel complex on Demonbreun.

Democratic Senatorial Kenneth Eaton feels her pain. Back in 2001 Eaton's auto dealership, which he had owned and operated for 32 years, was taken from him by eminent domain. The legal argument was that the property was better suited for low cost housing. Instead of low-cost housing, condos now selling for \$250,000 each were built on that property.

"This is nothing more than a land grab," says Eaton about the Joy Ford property. "And to make things even worse, this is a case of metro government shafting a local property owner for the benefit of a Texas company!"

Eaton has little in common with some of the Libertarians who are backing Ford in her fight against Lionstone, but to him, "This is a vile injustice. Metro claims that Ms. Ford's property is in a blighted area. Well, that's nothing but a lie. The wedge of mostly cleared land they want to build on is sandwiched between a nice row of recently developed restaurants on

Demonbreun, and the BMI headquarters on Division Street. I don't think there's anything blighted about the restaurants or that big, beautiful Broadcast Music, Inc. building."

"That's good, solid, developable property with or without Joy Ford's little building," says Eaton. "But I guess it's not what Lionstone feels they need, so they've found somebody in metro to do their dirty work. They think they have a right to roll right over Ms. Ford, and they've found a co-conspirator in metro. I think it stinks. I mean, since when did a bunch of Texas high-rollers come to own the Nashville government? By the way, last I heard we were overbuilt in downtown condos already. So where is the overriding need to confiscate this property from a citizen and hand it to an out of town company with a grand scheme to build what we already have too much of?"

"Oh, one more thing," adds Eaton. "For all those who believe big government is all you have to fear, I'd like to say that big corporations are just as great a menace to our freedom. So beware of politicians and certain media out there who are always trying to get the government to grant more privileges to the giant international corporations that rule Wall Street and Washington. Those corporations are in the process of ruining the middle class for their own benefit."

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