

Testimony to Senate Finance Committee
on SB 2, Article VII, Business & Economic Development
February 26, 2015

I am Ed Heimlich, a Citizen of Texas, here to testify on the necessity for our Legislature to pay the attached Final Judgment representing a Legal and Moral obligation of the State. This is necessary to preserve and advance the business and economic development of Texas.

The greatest incentive that any State can offer to business for economic development is Liberty. The belief that the United States is the bastion of Liberty has made our country an economic powerhouse and the envy of the world. No amount government incentives will bring business, jobs, and taxes, or keep these in Texas, if the word gets out that liberty has been lost in the Land of Texas.

The classical meaning of Liberty is often lost by it's overuse in political rhetoric. The Rule of Law is the definition of Liberty. The Rule of Law means that the Law rules over the government for the benefit and protection of the individual. Liberty is the Right of the Individual to have Law protect the individual, their business, their property from government. It is protection from those who act in the name of government. Liberty demands restitution for victims of government malfeasance. It is a fact of public record, and an adjudicated fact, that I am a victim of government malfeasance.

Absent an appropriation for payment,,,,

the Final Judgment will stand as proof to all that Liberty has been lost in Texas.

This judgment is proof government on our Land of Texas did violate the Rights essential to Business and Private Property. Right clearly stipulated in the Bill of Rights of our Texas Constitution. Specifically, I refer to the contract clause and the prohibition against retroactive law.

Our State, through the Office of our Attorney General, has admitted to the State's liability. That is; The AG has admitted the State has a legal obligation to me for the property unlawfully taken from my by our government. But the AG then argued that you, our Legislature, did not given me permission to sue the State. The authors of the act referred to disagree. But even if you accepted the premise that the State is immune from suit, the legal and moral obligation of the State remains valid.

The State, with a the monopoly on force, cannot be forced to pay it's legal obligations. It can only be asked to honor them. I humbly ask the honorable Legislators on this committee to act honorably. Please pay the legal and moral obligation this Final Judgment represents by an appropriation in this session for this purpose. For more visit www.informed.org

Thank you, **Ed Heimlich**, Citizen of Texas

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