

M49... A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing



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Gene and Barbara Prete – Measure 49 will take away their dream

In 1990, Gene and Barbara Prete purchased a small 20-acre plot of land outside of Sisters, with the intention of retiring to the property where they would raise horses. When the Pretes purchased the property, the rules allowed Barbara and Gene to build their home and raise their horses.

And then, without warning, the state of Oregon changed the rules on the Pretes', and took away the Pretes' right to live on their very own property! All Barbara and Gene wanted to do was to start a small horse farm, but instead they had all their rights taken from them.

The government did not compensate the Pretes' a red nickel for taking their property.

What ended up happening to the Pretes' is unbelievable: the Pretes' could not live on their property but their horses could!

In 2004, the voters of Oregon passed a landmark new law that protected the rights of property owners like the Pretes'. The law contains a simple, common sense requirement: if the government is going to take away your property rights, they must compensate you for it.

Today, Barbara and Gene are well on their way to finishing their dream home.

But now, extremists on the environmental fringe want to change the law and create a loophole so the government can once again take your property without ever compensating you.

Measure 49 would take away the rights the Pretes' have had restored. Under Measure 49, the Pretes' would have to show they make \$80,000 in annual farm income before they could build one home on 20 acres! Measure 49 would wipe out the Pretes', without providing them any compensation.

And that is the real purpose behind Measure 49 – to allow the government to take your property without compensating you. Please vote 'No' on Measure 49.