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ROCKWOOL sues to stop Jefferson County BoE abuse of power

Ranson, W.Va. — On April 12, ROCKWOOL was forced to sue to stop the Jefferson County Board of Education’s blatant abuse of its power to condemn private property. Specifically, we have asked the federal court to declare that the Board of Education’s threat to condemn ROCKWOOL’s property is unlawful and to enjoin it. We also have asked the court to make the Board of Education pay our attorneys’ fees and costs.

Condemnation is an awesome and intrusive governmental power, and left unchecked, the potential for abuse—especially in land use disputes like this—is boundless.

For that reason, there are significant legal checks on the power to condemn private property. We believe the Board of Education’s actions to be arbitrary and an abuse of power. No amount of compensation can authorize such action.

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