

The Sovereign Farmer's Dilemma, Selling Out to the State in the Name of Property Rights

"It's My Land, I Can Do What I Want!"

Sound familiar?

For years, farmers and landowners have clung to the idea that their property is their kingdom—where they alone decide what happens. No zoning laws, no neighbor complaints, no government overreach. Just pure, unfiltered, absolute property rights.

That is, until a renewable energy developer rolls into town with a check.

Suddenly, those same landowners who've railed against government interference, who've protested regulations on livestock, fertilizer, and land use, are welcoming state control with open arms—as long as it comes dressed in a corporate logo and a long-term lease.

This isn't just irony. It's hypocrisy.



Farmers or Sovereign Citizens? The Hypocrisy at Play

Ever heard of sovereign citizens? They're the folks who claim they don't have to follow U.S. laws, refuse to pay taxes, and tell the police they have no authority over them. They love freedom—right up until reality (and handcuffs) set in.

Turns out, landowners who lease to renewable energy developers have a lot in common with them.

Sovereign Citizens Say...

"The government can't tell me what to do!"

Farmers Leasing to Developers Say....

"My neighbors can't tell me what to do!"

Sovereign Citizens Say...

"I'm an independent entity, outside of the law!"

Farmers Leasing to Developers Say....

"I'm a landowner, I make the rules!"

Sovereign Citizens Say...

"I don't have to pay taxes because I didn't consent to the system!"

Farmers Leasing to Developers Say....

"I don't have to care about zoning, I can lease my land as I want!"

Sovereign Citizens - The Reality - *The government still has authority over them, and they get arrested.*

Farmers Leasing to Developers - The Reality - *The OPSB and the state now have more power over their land than they do.*

Farm-To-Power: Property Rights or Renewable Energy Trojan Horse?

Enter Farm-To-Power, a group that claims to advocate for property rights but is, in reality, just another well-funded renewable energy lobbying outfit.

At first glance, their messaging sounds noble:

- "Not Your Dirt, Not Your Decision."
- "Their Land. Their Right."

It almost makes you think they're standing up for farmers—until you realize what's really happening.

Farm-To-Power isn't defending property rights; they're co-opting them to push an agenda. Their real mission?

- To help renewable energy developers gain access to farmland under the guise of “rights.”
- To eliminate local opposition by convincing communities that no one has a say except the leasing farmer.
- To silence neighbors who object to the massive, long-term consequences of industrial solar and wind farms.

It's a brilliant marketing strategy—but it's not about protecting landowners. It's about securing profit and political influence for the green energy industry.

How do we know this? Well, it's right there in the name: **Farm-To-Power**.

If this were truly about property rights, wouldn't they be fighting for all landowners? Wouldn't they be supporting property rights when it comes to farmers resisting eminent domain for transmission lines? Wouldn't they stand up for rural communities pushing back against zoning changes that allow industrial solar farms next to their homes?

Of course not. Because their cause isn't property rights—it's energy development.

Plain and simple.

A Page Right Out of the CHOP Playbook

The tactics Farm-To-Power is using are eerily similar to what happened in Seattle's CHOP (Capitol Hill Occupied Protest) zone during the riots in 2020.

Let's recap:

- In Seattle, radical activists declared sovereignty over public land, setting up a so-called “autonomous zone” where they decided the rules, rejecting outside authority.
- They told businesses and residents that the government no longer had control over the area.
- They pushed a message of “freedom” and “community-led governance” while actually enforcing their own agenda—often with threats and intimidation.

Farm-To-Power is no different—except instead of declaring an “autonomous zone” in a city, they're attempting to create a corporate-backed energy zone in rural America,

where farmers' land is turned into government-subsidized industrial facilities, and no one else gets a say.

They push gaslighting taglines like “Not Your Dirt, Not Your Decision” to convince people that farmers, unlike everyone else in America, somehow have an unlimited right to do anything they want on their land—even if it devastates neighbors, destroys local economies, and hands over long-term control to state-approved corporations.

Yet, here's the inconvenient truth:

- No one in America has unlimited property rights.
- You can't build a landfill on your farm without permits.
- You can't put a factory in a residential neighborhood just because you own the land.
- You can't dump toxic waste into a river and claim it's “your property, your right.”

So why should industrial solar or massive wind farms be exempt from scrutiny?

Because it's not about rights.

It's about power—the kind that profits the few while silencing the many.

Farm-To-Power and the Great Property Rights Con Job

At its core, Farm-To-Power's “property rights” narrative is just a carefully constructed illusion.

- They tell farmers they have the ultimate right to lease their land.
- They tell neighbors that they have no right to object.
- They ensure that once land is leased, the state—not the landowner—has final say.

It's a bait-and-switch.

- The farmer thinks they're in control.
- The community thinks they have no voice.
- The developers laugh all the way to the bank.

Sound familiar? It should. It's the same divide-and-conquer strategy used by CHOP radicals in Seattle—isolate the opposition, push propaganda, and consolidate power.

Only this time, the “autonomous zone” is being set up in rural America. And instead of armed activists, it’s slick lobbyists and corporate-backed nonprofits doing the dirty work.

The Great Power Swap - Local Control for State Rule

Here’s where it gets worse.

By signing a lease, farmers are essentially endorsing state control over their communities while telling their neighbors they don’t get a say.

Think about it:

- You don’t want local officials regulating your land, but now the OPSB—a state agency—has the final word on what happens to it.
- You dismiss your neighbors' concerns, but you’re fine with letting government officials who’ve never set foot in your county make the call.
- You bristle at environmental regulations, but now your leased land is subject to corporate and government oversight for decades.

At this point, who really owns the land?

Not you.

The developer does—at least for the next half-century.

And the state now has more power over your community than ever before, thanks to your deal.

Congratulations! You just championed big government while pretending to fight for freedom.

The Ripple Effect: Who Pays the Price?

Let’s be clear - This isn’t just about one landowner’s decision.

Every lease signed affects the entire community—whether you acknowledge it or not.

- Your neighbors have to live next to the project you approved. The glare of solar panels, the loss of prime farmland, and the change in landscape? That’s their reality.

- Your local economy takes the hit. Renewable developers promise prosperity, but let's face it—most jobs disappear after construction, and tourism, property values, and local businesses suffer.
- Your children and grandchildren inherit a changed landscape. In 30-50 years, what's left of your land? A decommissioned project, a corporate mess, and a community that had no say in the matter.

So, who really won here?

Not your neighbors.

Not your community.

Not even you—because your land isn't really yours anymore.

The real winners are the developers and the state government you just invited into your backyard.

At This Point, Who Really Owns the Land? Who Really Owns You?

That's the real question, isn't it?

When you sign that lease, you're not just letting some out-of-state developer slap a few solar panels on your property while you count your money. No, you're handing over the keys to your land—for decades. You don't get to decide what happens anymore.

Want to plant crops? Too bad.

Want to build a barn? Sorry, that's in the way.

Want to change your mind? Good luck with that—read the fine print.

At this point, who really owns the land?

The developer owns it—for the next 30, 40, maybe even 50 years. They tell you what can and can't be done. They dictate the rules. They take your property, repackage it, and turn it into an industrial facility—on your dime, on your land, but under their control.

And here's the real gut-punch:

Who really owns you?

Because let's be honest—if you've given up your rights to your land, your ability to say no, and your ability to control what happens next, then what exactly do you still own?

A contract?

A check?

A whole lot of regret?

Sounds an awful lot like being owned, not owning.

So before you sign, think long and hard—because once you do, it's not just the land that's been leased... **It's you.**

To Those Who Haven't Signed Yet—Think Twice.

Because once the state and corporate interests take hold, it's not just your land anymore.

It's theirs.

And you?

You're just another landlord collecting rent—until they don't need you anymore.