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Dear Medina County Board of Elections:

I protest the Board of Elections findings concerning the validity of the county charter petition for the following reasons.

1: Many of these signatures were obtained at the public square. People going there to hear the Medina Community Band were approached to sign this petition, only being told a few glittering generalities. These folks did not want to be late or miss the concert. They certainly did not have the time to read the entire petition before signing. If these people had the chance to "un-sign" this petition I'd bet that over half would do so, now knowing the details.

2: Items in this charter are harmful to the county in the following ways.

Article 1.01: This makes it easy and cost free for frivolous lawsuits to be filed. Many businesses will be blindsided by such legal action. Some of these businesses will likely choose to leave the county if possible, taking with them jobs that some Medina county residents need. County employees could also be victimized by this charter. The cost to the county and its citizens would certainly be in the tens of thousands or more.

Section 1.08: This right to clean air, water and soil is subject to interpretation. None of these are completely clean, so, overtime the courts would have to sort this out at huge cost to many businesses. Farmers should probably just stop farming.

Section 1.09: What does naturally evolve mean? Again, the lawyers and courts would have fun with this. To make matters worse, article 1.01 makes the county government pay the litigation cost. That means we all pay!

Section 1.10: Free from chemical trespass sounds good, but the devil is in the details. Operating my car, truck, tractors, boat or even heating the house or running the AC one could be sued for chemical trespass. Again the courts will likely be asked to settle these issues, at county expense.

Section 1.11: Corporations would likely have to defend their activities at considerable expense. Doing business in Medina County would end up being more expensive than in other counties.

Section 1.12: More problems for Medina County businesses. If the charters goal is to drive business out of Medina, I'm sure it will succeed.

Section 1.13: Who determines sustainable, remember anyone can sue and the county must pay the bill.

Section 1.15 Eminent Domain: Someone or some group almost always profits from eminent domain action. Even if it is for a road, some contractor and its employees will realize profit. More ammunition for a lawsuit and of course the county pays.

## Article II Protection of Rights

Section 2.01.1: No new oil and gas wells. Isn't that what the charter is about? You know it is. It's ok with the charter folks to operate the old low production wells, but no new highly profitable wells. So much for the property rights of the land owners in Medina.

Section 2.01.2: The other real reason for the charter. We all benefit from pipelines in one way or another. If you notice the retail pipelines are ok with the charter, but no Medina County gas production is wanted. Apparently, we would rather buy it from others counties or states.

Section 2.01.3: What a surprise they don't want injection wells. You can expect lawsuits against existing injection wells. Not to worry, the county will foot the bill.

Section 2.01.4: This tries to make sure no water is available for hydraulic fracturing. Private property rights be damned.

## Article VI

Section 6.01 Severability: This attempt to make sure that the charter cannot be repealed in one action, but rather, litigation could/would go on for a very long time. Section 1.01 will again subject the county to litigation expenses.

This proposed charter is an effort to take away property rights of the larger land owners, (the Farmers).

Thanks for your consideration,

Sincerely,  
Matthew W. Bramley

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Matthew W. Bramley", written in dark ink.