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The Institute for Justice Invites You To Discuss Eminent Domain Abuse Followed by a Viewing of “Little Pink House”

WHEN: **Tuesday, April 17, 2018**
Reception: 5-6:30 p.m.
Congressional Introduction: 7 p.m.
***Little Pink House* film:** 7:10-8:40 p.m.
Panel Discussion: 8:40-9 p.m.

WHERE: **Reception:** Rayburn House Office Building Courtyard (Cafeteria in the event of rain)
Movie & Discussion: U.S. Capitol Visitor Center Orientation Theater South

FOOD AT RECEPTION PROVIDED – PLEASE RSVP TO rhannabass@ij.org

Eminent domain abuse raises bipartisan concern. It is an issue that falls disproportionately on the poor, the elderly, minorities and the politically disenfranchised.

That is why the Institute for Justice invites you to attend a special event/discussion about this issue on the evening of Tuesday, April 17, with introductory remarks by Congressmen Jamie Raskin (D-MD) and Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA).

Eminent domain abuse—the government’s use of eminent domain not for a public use, such as for a courthouse, as required by the U.S. Constitution, but for the *private* use of another party—is a widespread problem across the nation. To deepen the understanding of this threat to Americans, the Institute for Justice will host an event that includes the film “Little Pink House,” a story based on the life of Susette Kelo, who will participate in this event.

Ms. Kelo bought her first home—a cottage—and painted it pink. When politicians planned to bulldoze it for a corporation, she fought back, and, through her effort, helped inspire reforms that protected millions of Americans’ homes. Ms. Kelo took her case to the U.S. Supreme Court in the landmark case *Kelo v. City of New London*.

Joining Ms. Kelo for this event are producer and director, Ted and Courtney Balaker, as well as Scott Bullock, the attorney who argued Ms. Kelo’s case before the Supreme Court. The discussion will explain how eminent domain abuse arises, and spotlight the destruction this government power inflicts on the lives of ordinary Americans.

Official trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RUptZEZdT-M>

Speakers: Susette Kelo, Homeowner
Ted & Courtney Balaker, Producer and Director, *Little Pink House*
Scott Bullock, President, Institute for Justice