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In Texas and Arizona state legislators and court cases have ruled **for** golf course residents with implied "golf use only restriction". The Texas case resulted in the passage of a Texas statute which puts restriction on developers who want to replat (rezone) subdivision golf courses for development purposes.

Please contact your state senators and state representatives to encourage them to pass a law to stop destruction of golf course communities. Nationwide, builders are bullying neighborhoods, city councils and county commissioners. Without the State legislature's help, dozens to hundreds of public and private courses can be destroyed by greedy landowners and home builders.

This results in the loss of green space and overcrowding of established neighborhoods.

Golf courses are bought and sold according to the dollar value of the "golf course as a business". The land value doesn't come into play but the course owners and builders are scamming communities because they realized that the land owner can buy courses at a discount, say \$10,000 per acre, then he can sell it to a developer for 4-10 times that amount which is still far below the residential real estate cost that the developer would usually pay. Add in "piggybacking" on existing infrastructure for greatly reduced development costs, fees and taxes and they have the perfect scam!

Write your state legislators to stop this bullying and unfair gain by the course owners and builders at the community's expense.

Each member of your household please sign a copy and send this letter (or compose your own) to our local Senator and State Representative below.

Here is a complete list of Florida senators and state reps:

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/representatives.aspx> if you would like to contact the others as to this serious situation and how it is affecting you.

Senator  
Danny Burgess  
38507 Fifth Ave  
Zephyrhills FL 33542

House Representative  
Frentrice Driskell  
12421 North Florida Ave  
Suite 118  
Tampa FL 33612-4271

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a Florida resident and I am against the bullying by home builders/developers and golf course owners and would like your help in stopping this unfair practice of rezoning golf courses that were meant for golf use only.

(My signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_