

# Tertium Quids

**John Taylor**  
President

September 25, 2006

Rep. Stevan Pearce  
Chairman  
U.S. House Subcommittee on National Parks  
1607 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Pearce:

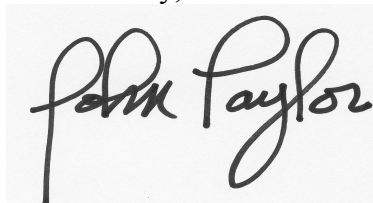
I am writing to express Tertium Quids' opposition to H.R. 5195, the "Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area Act of 2006." It is our belief that this legislation runs counter to the principles of limited government and strong private property rights.

H.R. 5195 would threaten private property rights by empowering unelected, special interest groups – many with a history of anti-property rights actions – to exert undue influence over land use decisions and private property acquisition in the "hallowed ground" region. This legislation would grant these groups federal money, federal assistance and a federal mandate to impose a narrow preservationist agenda on the citizens of the area.

Zoning and land use decisions should be the strict purview of local officials who are directly accountable to the citizens for whom they work and represent. This bill would severely impair this inherently local procedure. In short, it is federal/special interest zoning through the back door.

I respectfully urge that you and your colleagues protect property rights and limited, local government and vote against the "Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area Act."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "T".

John Taylor  
President