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Costs of takings

Regarding the Nov. 7 editorial "GOP Agenda" you disregard takings of private property in North Carolina that benefit private developers.

Under current state law, municipalities may inflict odor on others at no dollar cost. This makes building a regional sewage treatment plant in an established neighborhood such as New Hill less costly to the towns of Apex, Morrisville and Cary. Were towns to compensate property owners for stench, the low-cost construction site would instead be on yet-to-be-developed land owned by Progress Energy.

Progress Energy and other private developers benefit by public projects being built on other people's land. Homeowners and communities suffer because they are not fully reimbursed for what is taken from them. The region as a whole suffers as projects are constructed on developed land when undeveloped land owned by private developers is nearby.

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