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Many thanks to Ilya Shapiro, my co-author and fellow Harlan Institute board member for the lovely shout-out at [Cato@Liberty](#).

*And while I have you thinking about such high-fallutin' theoretical matters, let me also direct your attention to [a new article](#) by an up-and-coming legal scholar, also a friend-of-Cato (and my sometime co-author), Josh Blackman. Josh argues that the Supreme Court's relatively new "class of one" doctrine, by which a single person can present himself as a class discriminated against in violation of the Equal Protection Clause, should be used to challenge eminent domain abuse. That is, homeowners can establish a class of one (i.e., the person whose home the government takes) if their property is singled out for condemnation while other similarly situated properties are not. The singled-out homeowner(s) can thus challenge the arbitrariness of the government's taking of their property.*

*Josh obviously hopes that some court will accept this novel strategy of borrowing equal protection jurisprudence to check rampant eminent domain abuse and vindicate property rights. [Here you can download his article](#), which is titled "Equal Protection from Eminent Domain: Protecting the Home of Olech's Class of One." Coincidentally, two years ago Roger Pilon wrote an essay on the Supreme Court's most recent "class of one" decision, which [you can read here](#).*



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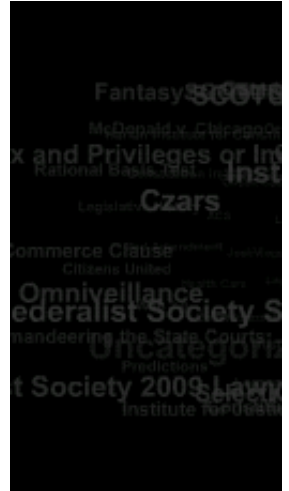
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