

STATE REPRESENTATIVE BROOKS LANDGRAF

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Ken Paxton Attorney General of Texas Office of the Attorney General P.O. Box 12548 Austin, TX 78711

Re: Request for Attorney General Opinion Regarding SB 17 and Project Blizzard King

Dear Attorney General Paxton,

Pursuant to **Tex. Gov't Code § 402.043**, I respectfully request your official opinion regarding the application of **Senate Bill 17 (89R)** concerning the purchase or acquisition of an interest in real property by certain aliens or foreign entities.

Specifically, we seek guidance on the following legal question:

Whether the prohibitions under SB 17 apply to a **publicly traded company headquartered outside of Texas**, whose co-founders hold dual citizenship in Israel and Russia but:

- 1. Combined own less than 10% of the company's shares;
- 2. Reside outside of Russia and have been domiciled in Israel for many years; and
- 3. Have been subject to thorough federal oversight as a publicly traded entity in the Netherlands.

This question arises in connection with **Project Blizzard King**, a proposed multi-billion-dollar investment in Ector County, Texas. Clarification on whether SB 17 would prevent such a transaction under the specific circumstances described will assist state and local officials, investors, and developers in ensuring compliance with Texas law while facilitating substantial economic development in the region.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request and respectfully request a written opinion at your earliest convenience. Should additional information or documentation be required, please contact my office directly.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

God bless Texas,

Brooks Landgraf

