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Hello,

My home is adjacent to the railroad tracks in an airstrip community in Anchorage that dates back to the seventies when it was subdivided from a homestead. My neighbors and I have always taxied our aircraft on a portion of the railroad right of way.

When I researched the title and bought my home, my understanding was that the railroad can not block the taxiway because they don't own the land.

Now the railroad is exercising an exclusive use policy that is inconsistent with their ownership. This railroad was never a "Land Grant Railroad," with patented land like many of the 19th century rail lines.

If the AKRR usurps my rights as a landowner, then instead of an airstrip home, I would just have a home next to some noisy railroad and airplane traffic with no airstrip access. As a result, my property value should be at least \$100,000 lower than my current municipal assessment.

I encourage you to support HB 93 as a first step towards ensuring the property rights of hundreds of Alaskans like me who are also impacted by the AKRR's overreach.

Thank you,
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