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From: Jenny & Randy Howard [mailto:akhowards@gmail.com]
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Representative Josephson,

Since the State acquired the railroad from the federal government in 1983, The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) has consistently implemented measures which restrict compatible uses of the right-of-way (ROW) by adjacent property owners. Advancing its agenda under the guise of safety, ARRC policies include the Residential ROW Use Policy (RRUP), which extorts adjacent landowners who, contrary to ARRC's claims, hold an ownership interest in the land beneath the tracks. ARRC is demanding payment of annual fees and filing liens against those who do not comply. Rep. Chuck Kopp has introduced **House Bill 93** to protect private property rights. This legislation will guarantee that adjacent property owners have reasonable ROW access and compatible use that does not impede safe railroad operations. Please support this important legislation for the benefit of all Alaskans.

Thank you,
Jennifer Howard