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**To:** House Finance  
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Hello,  
I hope you are doing well today.

I'm writing to express my opinion concerning HB 223, also known as the Tax and Royalty for Certain Gas.

This bill is a terrible idea and I implore you to vote against it. This bill will provide more subsidies to an industry that already doesn't pay us its fair share of taxes. We can't afford yet more subsidies to an industry that leaves us with the bill again and again.

Our money will be better spent investing in long-term solutions. We need to diversify our energy production, not double down on the same ones that have hurt our economy again and again.

Wind, solar, and tidal energy provide avenues by which to maintain our energy production and even maintain our energy export economy. The potential tidal energy from Cook Inlet alone could power the entire state of Alaska. Just that one energy source, not including the wind and solar we already have, the hydro we already have, or the wind, solar and hydro we could build.

Please vote no on HB 223 and instead invest our money in a sustainable future.

Thank you,  
Joshua Knicely, Ph.D.