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TO: Representative Chuck Kopp
Alaska State Legislature

RE: HJR 38

Representative Kopp, I am still amazed this issue is still ongoing and has not been resolved in the Alaska property owners favor. After the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Brandt v. United States in 2014 that the federal government had no property interest in government grant rights of way that were not still owned by the United States, NARPO finds it hard to believe that the State of Alaska could still claim a property interest in the rights of way along the Alaska Railroad. The federal government had no property interest in these rights of way when the land was transferred in 1983. As early as 1904 the predessor of the BLM, the Bureau of Land, declared the federal government had no property interest in government grant rights of way that were patented or other wise disposed of--I supplied you last year with a copy of that federal regulation.

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