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Subject: Restoring Property Rights and Removing Clouds on Titles
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Representative Kopp,

Thank you for standing up for property owners along the rail line that runs from Seward to Fairbanks. As one friend said, "there are thousands of people who will be affected by the AK RR closing off large portions of their ROW, some of whom have RR tracks running through the center of their property!"

I would put forth that this will impact tens of thousands. Let us not forget that the AK RR also runs through cities and towns which have developments that are almost on top of the tracks, and some of them have roads that run over them.

I understand the RR's need to ensure safety and stop from killing animals by building fences and other barriers to the tracks. But, there are also families and businesses who depend upon the free and clear use of their land to survive.

There are state Right-of-Ways all over this state and we all live in relative harmony while freely using those rights of ways as a part of our property. We understand that if it is needed, the state can come in and take it (while compensating us for the loss of the use of any additional land impacted by their actions).

Actions of this nature by the Railroad will cause immeasurable harm to many Alaskans. The decades the RR has run through us all have been fairly uneventful. Let's keep it that way and not open the courts up for lawsuits from disenfranchised landowners.

Thank you for your on-going efforts and support of our shared values.

Sincerely,
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