



February 27, 2018

RE: Letter in support of HJR 38

To whom it may concern:

Dimond Center Holdings LLC is in full support of passage of HJR 38.

Dimond Center was developed starting in 1977 by Joe C. Ashlock and today is still Alaskan owned and operated. It is Alaska's largest mixed use retail center with 12 million annual visits and a tax value of well over 80 million dollars.

The land under Dimond Center was purchased directly from the original homesteader, the Tetze family. It is therefore subject to the Homestead act in which we own the property to the center line of the railroad right of way (along the western border of Dimond Center) subject to the Railroad Act of 1914.

The exclusive use easement that the AK RR surreptitiously received not only clouds our title but the inability to excess and denial of use constitutes an economic taking of millions of dollars! While the ownership of Dimond Center supports the safe operation mission of the Alaska Railroad and has in the past supposed efforts for intermodal use and development. We feel the HJR 38 will correct an egregious wrong done to the property rights of homestead successors throughout Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "H. Ashlock". The "H" is a large, stylized initial.

Hugh A Ashlock
Managing Member
Dimond Center Holdings LLC

Sent from my iPhone