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To: House Finance
Subject: HB 223

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 223, which pertains to the production tax and royalty rates on certain gas. While I understand the need for responsible resource management, I believe this bill raises significant concerns.

Concerns with HB 223:

Lack of Clarity: The bill does not clearly define the specific type or source of gas covered by the proposed tax and royalty rates. Without this clarity, it is challenging to assess the potential impact on our state's economy and environment.

Balancing Interests: We must strike a balance between encouraging gas production and ensuring fair taxation. HB 223 lacks a comprehensive assessment of the trade-offs involved.

Transparency: The bill should include provisions for transparency in the determination of tax and royalty rates. Public input and accountability are essential.

Recommendations:

Specificity: Amend the bill to specify the types of gas to which the tax and royalty rates apply. This will provide clarity and allow for informed decision-making.

Stakeholder Engagement: Engage with industry experts, environmental advocates, and affected communities to ensure a well-rounded understanding of the implications.

Environmental Considerations: Assess the environmental impact of gas production and incorporate measures to mitigate any adverse effects. Issuing more leases will be detrimental to our already critical environmental problems.

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to reconsider the provisions of HB 223 and prioritize the long-term interests of Alaskans. Responsible resource management requires thoughtful deliberation and a commitment to transparency.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will make decisions in the best interest of our state and its residents.

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