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The Honorable Chuck Kopp
House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol
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RE: House Bill 136

On behalf of the Anchorage Board of REALTORS®, I want to thank you for your dedication to protecting private property rights in our state. We greatly appreciate your efforts on HB 136 and fully support this critical piece of legislation.

Many Alaskans own property affected by railroad easements, often facing uncertainty about how they can utilize their own land. HB 136 offers much-needed clarification, ensuring that landowners can make reasonable use of their property while maintaining the integrity of railroad operations. This is a practical and balanced solution to a longstanding issue.

Advocating for property rights is central to our mission. In the past, we have supported similar measures such as HJR 38 (2018) and HB 93 (2017), as we firmly believe in clear, consistent policies that allow landowners to use and improve their properties without unnecessary limitations. HB 136 builds on these efforts, and we strongly encourage its passage.

We appreciate your leadership on this important matter. Please let us know how we can assist in moving this bill forward—we would be happy to provide additional support as needed.

Sincerely,

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