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Representative Chuck Kopp
State Capitol Room 204
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Kopp,

On behalf of Alaska REALTORS®, I want to thank you for your continued efforts to protect private property rights in our state. We appreciate your work on House Bill 136, and I would like to express our full support for this important legislation.

Many Alaskans own property that is subject to railroad easements, and there has long been uncertainty about how they can use their own land. HB 136 provides much-needed clarity to ensure landowners can utilize their property, as long as the use does not interfere with railroad operations. This is a simple, fair, and balanced approach.

Protecting property rights is a core value of the Alaska REALTORS® and its 1800+ members statewide. We have supported similar efforts in the past, including HJR 38 (2018) and HB 93 (2017), because we believe landowners deserve clear and consistent policies that allow them to use and improve their properties without unnecessary restrictions. HB 136 continues this work, and we urge the Legislature to pass it.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help move this bill forward. I am happy to provide public testimony or further support.

Sincerely,

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