From: Rep. Andy Josephson
To: Thomas Atkinson
Subject: FW: I support HB93
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From: BriAnna Graves Bierma [mailto:brianna.bierma@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 5:52 PM
Subject: I support HB93

Hello,

I am an Anchorage resident in the South Turnagain neighborhood and am contacting you in regards to my concern and support of HB93. My neighborhood has been severely impacted by the Railroad's claim over public right-or-way land, a claim they have not right to make. Please consider the rights of Alaskans and the abuse of power by the Railroad and support this bill.

Below is a statement written by constituents that form the Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean group that has worked for the past year to organize a productive fight against this overreach of power:

Since the State acquired the railroad from the federal government in 1983, The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) has consistently implemented measures which restrict compatible uses of the right-of-way (ROW) by adjacent property owners. Advancing its agenda under the guise of safety, ARRC policies include the Residential ROW Use Policy (RRUP), which extorts adjacent landowners who, contrary to ARRC's claims, hold an ownership interest in the land beneath the tracks. ARRC is demanding payment of annual fees and filing liens against those who do not comply. Rep. Chuck Kopp has introduced House Bill 93 to protect private property rights. This legislation will guarantee that adjacent property owners have reasonable ROW access and compatible use that does not impede safe railroad operations. Please support this important legislation for the benefit of all Alaskans. Thank you.

Sincerely,
BriAnna Bierma