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## REPRESENTATIVE LESIL MCGUIRE

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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

One of the primary rights of Alaskans is the right to own private property. On June 23rd, 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld government efforts to use the power of eminent domain to seize private property for economic development. I was outraged by this news and heard more from neighbors on this issue than any other since I began serving.

HB 318 strengthens the private property rights of Alaskans by limiting a government's ability to take private property and transfer it to another private party for economic gain. This legislation protects the private homes of our families, friends and neighbors.

With the incredible feedback and support from my neighbors and people from across the entire state, we were able to get this legislation passed both the House and Senate. HB 318 now awaits the Governor's signature.

**On Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., please join me at Kincaid Park Chalet. The Governor will be signing HB 318, *Limitation on Eminent Domain*, into law.**