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McGuire's Eminent Domain Legislation to Become Law

(ANCHORAGE) – HB 318 will become law on Wednesday, July 5th. This legislation, sponsored by Representative Lesil McGuire (R-Anchorage) is aimed at protecting the rights of property owners.

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.

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.

"I was outraged by the Supreme Court decision and heard more from neighbors on this issue than any other since I began serving. With the incredible feedback, along with support from constituents and people from across the entire state, we were able to get this legislation passed both the House and Senate," said Representative McGuire.

The event will take place at 3:00 p.m. in the Kincaid Park Chalet.

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