Petition to Buyback Mat-Su Valley Gas Leases

The State recently leased 230,000+ acres in the Matanuska and Susitna Valleys for coalbed methane development without adequate community and private property owner notification. The State lacks effective regulations to protect private property owners and drinking water supplies from coalbed methane development. Furthermore, the State lacks the time necessary to adequately study the health and safety effects of development or to put in place adequate protections without bringing harm to the leaseholder. THEREFORE, THE UNDERSIGNED DO HEREBY REQUEST THE STATE IMMEDIATELY BUY BACK THE 230,000+ ACRES OF LEASES AND CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIO-ECONOMIC, GEOTECHNICAL, AND OTHER NECESSARY STUDIES PRIOR TO FORMULATING A REGULATORY STRUCTURE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC NOTICE PROVISIONS FOR THIS TYPE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PRIVATELY-OWNED AND POPULATED AREAS IN THE MAT-SU.

Print Name	**Address**	**Phone Number**	**Signature**