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### **Republican Gubernatorial Candidate John Binkley Says Alaskans Need Guarantees Gasline Will Be Built**

Republican gubernatorial candidate John Binkley held a news conference today outlining what he called a “reasonable, thoughtful, balanced and common sense approach to moving forward with a gasline contract.”

Binkley said he has been asked to join an effort calling on the Legislature to stop all activity on the gasline contract until after the fall gubernatorial election.

“I think that’s wrong,” Binkley said. “It’s irresponsible to call for rejecting a contract before we have even seen it.”

Binkley said personal interest or political gain shouldn’t get in the way or jeopardize an extremely important project for the state.

“There has been a lot of political posturing going on in regard to the proposed gasline contract and I don’t want to be a part of that. Decisions should be made based on reason not rhetoric,” he said.

“America needs Alaska’s energy,” Binkley said.

Binkley called on the governor to release the proposed gasline contract to the Legislature and the public without further delay.

He outlined what he’ll be looking for in evaluating the deal. Binkley said:

- “Alaska’s gas needs to get to market.
- Alaskans must get the maximum value for their resource. That’s what is required by the state constitution.

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- The gas contract must allow access for Alaskans. The contract should allow for a spur line to be built to South-central Alaska where half the state's population lives. We need reasonably priced gas to heat our homes and provide power generation and that is easily accessible for industry to create jobs.
- A gasline must ultimately be built. If the oil companies want fiscal certainty in taxation, Alaskans need certainty a gasline gets built.
- Good-paying jobs for Alaskans have to be guaranteed in the deal. We have to make sure Alaskans are put to work."

Binkley also outlined what should not be included in the deal.

- There can't be a 30-year moratorium on any adjustment to oil taxes.
- We can't have a contract that will overturn a proposed vote by the people on a reserve tax in November.
- We can't allow the oil companies to set their own timeline to build the line. The state needs to set the timeline.

The future of Alaska really is at stake, Binkley said.

"It's time for a reasoned, thoughtful deliberative process guided by statesmanship. Personal or political gain should not be part of the process."

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