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**Republican Gubernatorial Candidate John Binkley
Applauds Court's Decision on Gasline Contract Release**

Republican gubernatorial candidate John Binkley said today's he is pleased with the decision by the Alaska Courts to force release of the governor's proposed gasline contract.

"I have been consistent since February when a deal with the producers was reached that the document should be made public. It is essential that the Legislature and the public have enough time to see and evaluate this complicated proposal and determine if it is in the best interest of Alaskans," Binkley said.

Earlier this week Binkley called a for "a reasonable, thoughtful, balanced and common sense approach to moving forward with a gasline contract."

Binkley said a balanced approach to evaluating the gasline contract involves making sure Alaska's gas will get to market and making sure Alaskans receive the maximum value for their resource. He also said the contract must allow access for Alaskans and he stressed that oil companies should proceed along the state's timeline to build a gasline, not their own. Binkley also said good-paying jobs for Alaskans have to be guaranteed.

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