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Wendy Huber
Planning and Environmental Specialist
Bureau of Land Management
222 W 7th Ave., Stop #13
Anchorage, AK 99513

Dear Ms. Huber:

We write today regarding the Ambler Road Project Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, or SEIS. We urge the BLM to focus solely on the two identified areas of the EIS that the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Department of Interior (DOI) identified as deficient.

In our view, significant and extensive analysis has already been undertaken for the Ambler Access Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and was accepted by the Department of Interior. During a time when resources are already strained, revisiting issues already fully addressed in the Final EIS and Joint Record of Decision wastes precious time.

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce is a champion for the responsible development of minerals that not only improve our statewide economy, but also encourage technological innovation and increased use of green energy. Slowing the Ambler development will act as an unnecessary and harmful drag on the project, which is poised to help the US deliver on its clean energy goals.

We are mindful of any concerns related to subsistence. That is why we are glad to see the Ambler Access Project form a Subsistence Advisory Committee (SAC) to mitigate potential subsistence impacts. The SAC is comprised of 10 villages near the project site. It is clear tribal consultation is already underway, as it should be.

The public deserves a speedy and timely resolution on the SEIS and decision document. Permitting certainty is one of the Chamber's highest priorities because it directly correlates with capital investment and a healthy economy. Shifting and unclear permitting processes unduly burden projects, adding cost and injecting politics into a process that should be science-based.

We believe firmly the Ambler Access Project is critical infrastructure not just for western Alaska, but the entire State of Alaska, and indeed, the nation.

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The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce represents over 650 business members and is the leading voice advocating for the community by supporting business prosperity in the Interior.

Thank you for considering our position on this important issue.

Sincerely,

GREATER FAIRBANKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Thompson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jennifer Thompson
Board of Directors, Chair