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The Honorable Mike Dunleavy
Alaska Senator
Chair, Labor & Commerce
Capitol Room 510
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: SB 23 LNG Project Fairbanks

Dear Senator Dunleavy:

On behalf of the Teamster members that we represent not only in the Fairbanks and outer area, but statewide, I ask that you and your committee members support and move forward SB 23, which authorizes AIDEA to provide financing and bonds for a much needed natural gas production and distribution system, within the Fairbanks North Star Borough. I personally have lived in Fairbanks for over twenty years and prior to that in Anchorage, so I am very familiar with the differences in cost and availability of gas or heating sources for interior Alaska.

I also am a member of the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce and know well the challenged economic growth we continue to experience due in large part to the high cost of energy. I am also aware of the impact energy costs are having on our military bases in the interior. We represent members that could find themselves without employment as a direct result of the energy cost.

In addition to the above, the passage of SB 23 will create a much needed infrastructure and we believe, hundreds of jobs, directly and indirectly by bringing LNG to the Fairbanks community. While it may be only a temporary fix, it is a fix that is much needed for the second largest community in our state.

Help us help our community and the state by supporting and passing SB 23 from your committee.

Your time and effort regarding this very important matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Rick Boyles
Secretary-Treasurer

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