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Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature, In-State Gas Caucus,

Over three decades ago we built the Trans-Alaska Pipeline; one of the greatest achievements in Alaska's history. Unfortunately, since that time, Alaskans have seen few large-scale projects that would generate the economic activity needed to shape and guarantee the economic prosperity of our state for succeeding generations.

Today, our State finds itself in the unique position to unite around a project that will do just that. So on this historic occasion, I pledge my full support for your efforts in developing Alaska's natural gas for the in-state needs of Alaskans.

As deliverability shortfalls in Anchorage become imminent, and an explosion of natural gas reserves in the Lower 48 are already a reality, it is my view that the best way to bring Alaska's great natural gas potential to fruition is through the construction of an in-state line. An in-state gas line from the North Slope to Kenai or Valdez that also meets the local domestic and industrial needs of Fairbanks and Anchorage is the best option for developing Alaska's natural gas resources and shoring up Alaska's economy for decades to come.

An in-state gas line will fuel electric generation throughout the Railbelt, heating homes and facilitating economic growth throughout the region. Proposals such as Alaska Senate Bill 287, which tasks the Alaska Railroad with developing an in-state pipeline project, and Alaska House Bill 369, which creates an in-state gas development team, are positive steps towards this goal.

In Congress, I will help assist in these endeavors in any way possible beginning with a letter to the Secretary of Energy requesting a long-term extension for the export license of Liquefied Natural Gas. Now is the time to seize upon this opportunity to put Alaskans to work with a project that will carry our economy into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Young".

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