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To: Lindsay Williams
Subject: SB 138 Alaska Gas Line

To Senator Giessel Chair of the Senate Resource Committee

I apologize for not being able to attend the public testimony for SB 138 on Wednesday, February 19th. I was eager to provide direct oral testimony for the support of this critical bill; but I am hopeful this record might accomplish the same result.

I greatly appreciate the division of the bill into three focused parts. This structure allows for the public to review and understand the critical nature of each component.

Here is my brief summary:

- 1) Support for this bill – this bill and its provisions are needed for this state, our future, economic development and for jobs for our people.
- 2) Passing this session – please provide every humanly possible effort to expedite the processing of this bill. Our Alaskan businesses, citizens and the outside investors need to have confidence in the future of the gas line.
- 3) The next stage of developing contracts – without legislative clarity, the investment time and capital will be reduced – but resources is what is required to ensure the next 40 years of petroleum development are as strong as the last 40 years. My generation has benefited from the jobs and tax base that our predecessors have established, but if we don't support and enable the infrastructure to continue to be developed we are passing the next generation a declining economy.

Alaskans need confidence from our governmental partners to dedicate resources for the future. I recognize the next step for our economic growth has many layers remaining, but without this bill we look like a stagnant economy, not the last great frontier spirit and culture that has attracted and retained great people and business.

Please help us to keep our economy moving forward. Please support this bill.

Sincerely, David B. Springgate

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