

Rep. Mark Neuman

From: Michael Droege <mjdroege@gci.net>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2014 3:44 PM
To: Rep. Mark Neuman
Subject: HB23 Knik Arm Bridge

Representative Neuman,

As I promised, the Anchorage Board of REALTORS® and the Valley Board of REALTORS® are taking action. I appreciate you meeting with me on such short notice yesterday. I have forwarded this e-mail to the folks at KABATA, to the RDC, the Alliance, the Alaska Association of Home Builders and other interested groups. The legislature should be hearing from all of us soon.

I write this letter in support of HB23. I believe as a REALTOR® that the following facts apply to the construction of this significant infrastructure project:

- 1) The state has not constructed a road since 1970
- 2) Affordable Housing will be positively impacted providing for affordable available land (for renters and homeowners).
- 3) Home ownership will be made available to thousands of families who cannot afford housing in Anchorage, yet need to be near this economic center.
- 4) **The Average cost of a single family home in Anchorage is \$344,507 (MLS Data January 2014). Land is 42% of the cost of a new home.**
- 5) Bonding this project for immediate construction is a plan I support, as does the Anchorage Board of REALTORS® and the Valley Board of REALTORS®

- 6) Building the Knik Arm Bridge is also a Public Safety Issue, providing a necessary alternative route out of Anchorage.
- 7) Building the Knik Arm Bridge will take a significant amount of traffic off of the Park Highway reducing maintenance costs.
- 8) Building the Knik Arm Bridge will expedite the movement of goods and service to the Valley, Fairbanks and the North Slope.
- 9) Building the Knik Arm Bridge will never cost less. The State of Alaska bonding and building this project is MUCH less costly than the previously proposed Public, Private Partnership.
- 10) Infrastructure builds economy and we believe this is a LEGACY project that must get done NOW.

The Anchorage Board of REALTORS® and the Valley Board of REALTORS® and our nearly 1000 member STRONGLY support this project moving forward as do many of the of member boards of the Alaska Association of REALTORS®. We urge you to move this bill forward and get it to the Governor for his signature THIS SESSION.

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RE: Industry Issues Talking Points for Juneau

Ms. Coan, AAR President & Mr. Champion, AAR Legislative Chair,

Whereas, we representing the Anchorage Board of REALTORS® feel that it is exceedingly important, not only for the economy of Anchorage, but for all of Alaska to support the funding and build out of the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority.

Whereas, new infrastructure will provide opportunity for economic growth and new jobs for communities, businesses and all Alaskans. These opportunities will ultimately result in more Alaskans being able to achieve home ownership. The Crossing will reduce the cost of freight to Alaska's Interior and North Slope by creating a more efficient route from the Port of Anchorage, through which the vast majority of Alaska's goods pass to points north, resulting in future growth and jobs.

Whereas, KABATA has the support of; Alaska State Home Builders Association, Big Lake Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Sullivan of Anchorage, Governor Parnell, Mayors Conference Resolution, Alaska Trucking, Congressman Young, Mat-Su Borough, Eagle River Chamber of Commerce, Houston, Palmer & Wasilla Communities.

Whereas, with the Alaska Association of REALTORS® support in the past, KABATA is now at the point of possible fruition. The withdrawal of our public support from AAR would be detrimental to our future efforts in legislation.

Be it therefore resolved that the Alaska Association of REALTORS® will support the continued development of KABATA.

Respectfully by,

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Rep. Mark Neuman

From: krystal@mtaonline.net
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2014 11:49 AM
To: Rep. Mark Neuman
Subject: HB 23 / Knik Arm Bridge

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As an active member of the Realtor Association, home owner, and lifelong Alaskan, I hope you will take into consideration the many benefits the bridge affords everyone in this state.

Respectfully,

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Rep. Mark Neuman

From: Chuck Bickley <sassy1@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 9:49 AM
To: Rep. Mark Neuman
Subject: Knik Arm Bridge

Dear Representative Neuman:

I wholeheartedly support your position on the Knik Arm Bridge.

Anchorage has already stated they did not have housing for a possible move of aircraft from Eielson.

How can they then ask to be considered for the F-35's being moved to JBER?

I know you have to be nice to the Bush legislators on camera, but you should ask Senators Olson and Hoffman how the state can afford all the free hundreds of millions of dollars in the budgets to support the bush lifestyle. There is no possibility of payback from these handouts and that is all they are.

There was an article in the paper on the Assisted Senior Living Center in Galena and it stated 8 people living in a huge facility. What does that cost the State?

The Knik Arm Bridge would open lots of land to development as well as saving many hours and dollars for businesses running trucks up the Parks Highway.

I urge you to keep the pressure on to move this project ahead.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments and your work in our behalf.

Sincerely, Chuck Bickley