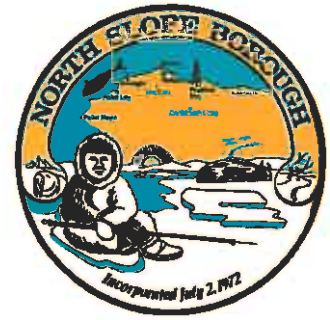


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**Charlotte E. Brower, Mayor**

February 28, 2013

The Honorable Mike Hawker  
Alaska House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Subject: Support for House Bill 4

Dear Representative Hawker:

On behalf of the office of Mayor of the North Slope Borough, please convey my support to your colleagues for the passage of HB4- development of an in-state natural gas pipeline.

The North Slope Borough is comprised of villages who understand the burden of high energy costs. All across Alaska, the issue is becoming more and more of a concern for both urban and rural communities. Both you and Speaker Chenault should be commended for your efforts to connect the natural gas supply here on the North Slope with as many Alaskans as possible.

Development of a natural gas pipeline is something that has waited for many years. The North Slope Borough is willing to work with the Governor and the Legislature towards solving whatever issues may stand in our way. We must work together if we are to accomplish anything.

The North Slope Borough believes the benefits of an in-state natural gas pipeline built by AGDC include:

- Increased access to affordable, clean, and secure energy along the pipeline corridor for both urban and rural communities
- Greater economic development opportunities across the state, including community and industrial development during and after construction
- Expanded property tax base (post-construction) for communities along the route, due to infrastructure development and activity

As the Legislature works on the issue of developing the natural gas resources here on the North Slope, please continue to recognize the needs of all communities and respect the concerns of Alaskan residents in cities and villages who need access to affordable energy and jobs.

Please let me know if my staff or I can provide you with assistance in moving this project forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlotte Brower". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charlotte E. Brower  
Mayor, North Slope Borough