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March 15, 2013

The Honorable Mike Chenault  
Speaker of the Alaska House of Representatives  
Juneau, Alaska

Via e-mail: [tom.wright@akleg.gov](mailto:tom.wright@akleg.gov)

Dear Mr. Speaker,

The Alaska Trucking Association is a state wide organization representing the interests of our nearly 200 member companies.

The ATA believes that Alaska's huge energy supply must be harnessed to be delivered to Alaskans and to the world markets. The economic future of our state depends on providing systems to deliver gas to market. ATA supports funding for work that advances the knowledge base for future gas line construction. Recognizing that first gas from a pipeline will take several years, we also support short term solutions such as trucking LNG from Prudhoe Bay to Fairbanks and possibly other locations.

We urge you to take action to deliver gas to Alaskans and to the world markets.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Aves Thompson  
Executive Director



*If you got it, a truck brought it...*



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March 12, 2013

Representative Mike Chenault  
Alaska State Capitol Building  
Room 208  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Representative Mike Hawker  
Alaska State Capitol Building  
Room 502  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

### **RE: Letter of Support for House Bill 4: In-State Gasline Development Corp**

Dear Representatives Chenault and Hawker:

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce appreciates the support and interest shown in Alaska's energy crisis through your efforts to bring natural gas from the North Slope to the citizens of Alaska. Reducing the high cost of energy in the Interior is the Fairbanks Chamber's top priority this legislative session. Your participation in the teleconference regarding House Bill 4 with our Energy Committee was welcomed, informative to the members, and encouraging for the future.

The Chamber supported the Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline Project (ASAP) and HB 9 last legislative session. The bullet line remains one of the Chamber's mid-term priority projects for reducing the cost of energy in the Interior. Trucking of liquefied natural gas remains the top priority of the entire community, primarily due to lower capital costs and more immediate delivery schedules. It is also accepted that the best way to transport gas over the long-term may be to transition from trucking to a pipeline.

The progress on the ASAP line, including preliminary design, environmental, permitting, and right-of-way (ROW) work places it far ahead of any other in-state pipeline options. The entity created by HB 4 could also serve as a catalyst and/or partner for other gas line solutions. The Chamber is supportive of your efforts with HB 4 and of the ASAP project.

Please accept this letter of support from the Chamber for passage of HB 4 this session. We are supportive of the funding necessary to bring the ASAP line to open season as a companion to, but not as a substitute for, the funding necessary to bring trucked LNG to the Interior.

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WAL-MART Stores, Inc.  
Yukon Title Company

We thank you for your leadership on this critical issue facing our community.


Sincerely,



Lisa Herbert  
Executive Director



Terri Froese  
Board of Directors, Chair



Bob Shefchik  
Energy Committee, Chair



Anna Atchison  
Government Relations Committee, Chair

cc: Governor Sean Parnell  
Mike Nizich, Governor's Chief of Staff  
U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski  
U.S. Senator Mark Begich  
U.S. Representative Don Young  
Dan Sullivan, Commissioner of Natural Resources  
Joe Balash, Deputy Commissioner of Natural Resources  
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Alaska State Legislature  
Alaska Gasline Development Corporation  
Alaska State Chamber of Commerce  
Fairbanks Daily News-Miner  
Membership of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce



**Alaska State  
Home Building Association**

March 13, 2013

The Honorable Mike Chenault  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska

Subject: Support for House Bill 4, in-state natural gas pipeline

Dear Speaker Chenault:

In addition to expressing thanks and appreciation to you for spending time yesterday with the Alaska State Home Building Association, this is a letter of support for House Bill 4 that was approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Our understanding is that HB4, sponsored by Rep. Mike Hawker and yourself, would authorize the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation to proceed towards an open season and sanctioning of a project. We strongly support that goal, and want to help advocate for the passage of HB4.

The home building industry relies upon the creation of jobs and a healthy economy. People with a job need a home, and we want to build those homes. HB4 is good for our industry.

As builders, we can also testify to impacts we're seeing amongst consumers who are growing more and more concerned about the economy and the rising cost of energy. In some regions of our state, monthly costs to heat a home are becoming as expensive as the mortgage payments. This is not a good situation for our industry, our communities, and the State of Alaska.

Our members have discussed this issue at length, and our Board of Directors appreciates this opportunity to express support towards passage of legislation that will move an in-state natural gas pipeline project forward. We support HB4.

Thank you again for all your efforts.

Sincerely,

Jess Hall, President  
Alaska State Home Building Association

*P.S. Mike,  
thanks for dropping by  
the Home Builders Tuesday & updating  
us on the issues. Jess*

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

Mayor

**RESOLUTION 13-027**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER,  
ALASKA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HB 4, LEGISLATIVE  
EFFORTS TO CONSTRUCT A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE  
FROM THE NORTH SLOPE TO SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA.

WHEREAS, The City of Homer will be receiving access to natural gas for the first time  
in 2013 with the construction of a natural gas trunk line into the community; and

WHEREAS, Known reserves in the Cook Inlet Basin are insufficient to supply the future  
demand for natural gas in South Central Alaska; and

WHEREAS, A stable supply of energy is key to the economic future of the entire South  
Central region; and

WHEREAS, There is a critical need for a long-term solution that provides affordable  
energy throughout the Railbelt; and

WHEREAS, HB 4 empowers the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) to  
further advance an in-state gas pipeline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Homer supports legislative  
efforts to construct a natural gas pipeline from the North Slope to South Central Alaska.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 11th day of March, 2013.

CITY OF HOMER

  
MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: N/A



**Kenai Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center  
Resolution 2013-01  
SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO CONSTRUCT A  
NATURAL GAS PIPE LINE FROM THE NORTH SLOPE TO  
SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA**

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the Kenai Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center (KCCVC) to promote economic development, stimulate job growth, provide initiatives to promote local businesses, and foster positive relations between business and community for the benefit of Kenai; and

**WHEREAS**, KCCVC represents nearly 460 business throughout the community of Kenai by continually seeking to improve the business climate and ensure a healthy economy for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of an in-state natural gas pipeline is the in the best interest of the State of Alaska; and,

**WHEREAS**, known reserves in the Cook Inlet Basin are insufficient to supply the demand for natural gas in South Central Alaska in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, KCCVC continues to support an Alaska North Slope natural gas pipeline and appreciated the Legislature's actions in creating the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) which in turn has created the Alaska Stand Alone Gas Pipeline (ASAP); and,

**WHEREAS**, an Alaska natural gas pipeline project will provide a long-term affordable, clean energy solution for the Majority of Alaskans and Alaska businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 4 includes many of the necessary provisions and solutions to forward a successful Alaska natural gas pipeline project.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE KENAI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND VISITOR CENTER** supports Legislative efforts to fund AGDC as they move forward in developing a project to construct a natural gas pipeline from the North Slope to South Central Alaska.

Board President:   
Kenai Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center      Brendyn Shiflea

Date: 3-7-13

Board Secretary:   
Kenai Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center      Penny Furnish

Date: 3-7-13

**RESOLUTION  
OF  
MAYOR SULLIVAN'S ENERGY TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, natural gas produced in Cook Inlet is now and has been for decades, the predominant source of energy for the generation of electricity and for the heating the homes and businesses in Southcentral Alaska; and

WHEREAS, there are no viable options for heating homes and businesses other than natural gas given the regions long term dependence on that source for heating; and

WHEREAS, because of a critical shortfall of natural gas supply and deliverability in Cook Inlet which developed in the decade prior to his election, upon taking office in July 2010, Anchorage Mayor Dan Sullivan appointed an Energy Task Force consisting of knowledgeable individuals whose responsibilities are to review the energy situation in South Central Alaska and to make recommendations to the Mayor as to actions that the Municipality of Anchorage might take or might recommend that would reduce and/or eliminate the risks of an energy emergency in the Municipality of Anchorage and the region; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Energy Task Force has met regularly over the last four (4) years to review and discuss the energy situation and energy solution for Southcentral Alaska and the Railbelt;

WHEREAS, as a result of recommendations made by the Task Force to the Mayor and the actions the Mayor has taken as a result of those recommendations, the potential for an energy crisis in the near term has been substantially reduced and numerous activities such as emergency preparedness, the development of a storage facility for natural gas (CINGSA), additional drilling for natural gas in the Cook Inlet basin has begun and long term cooperative planning efforts by the utilities in the area have be ongoing; and

WHEREAS, despite these actions, there still exists a very real and significant energy supply and deliverability shortage in the intermediate term with the area utility companies not having supply contracts signed with the producers to provide for the needs of the utilities; and

WHEREAS, various options are under consideration by the area utilities to meet their needs for natural gas in the intermediate term including the importation of liquefied natural gas, importation of compressed natural gas and/or natural gas trucked from the north slope; and

WHEREAS, one potential solution to the energy needs of the Railbelt and Southcentral Alaska is a pipeline from the North Slope to tidewater in Cook Inlet which could be built and operational by 2020, thus meeting the long term needs for natural gas in Southcentral Alaska and the Railbelt; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4 provides, among other things, for continued funding for this proposed pipeline as well as for other matters relating to the development and construction of a pipeline from the North Slope to tidewater; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Anchorage and his Energy Task Force are not in a position to evaluate all of the provisions of House Bill 4, but are in a position to advocate for the continued evaluation and planning for the possible development of the pipeline envisioned by the Bill so that if it is determined that this pipeline is the best option for energy for the Railbelt and Southcentral Alaska, construction can begin as soon as that determination is made; and

NOW THEREFORE, AFTER REVIEW AND DISCUSSION, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, as follows:

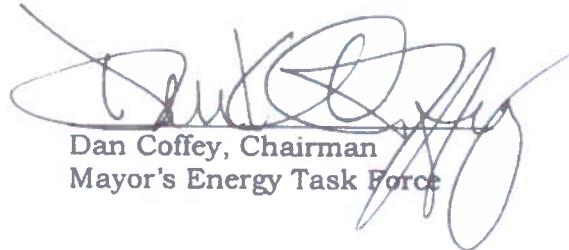
1) The Mayor's Energy Task Force support the continuation of sufficient funding that will result in the opportunity to construct the pipeline in as short a time frame as possible should this be determined to be the best option for the residents of Southcentral Alaska and the Railbelt.

2) Mayor Dan Sullivan and the Mayor's Energy Task Force support a full, fair and extensive evaluation of the other provisions of the Bill by both the House and the Senate so that, to the degree these provisions are appropriate and necessary to the continued development of the pipeline, they are incorporated into the legislation so as not to delay or impede the ultimate decision as to the development or the abandonment of this pipeline.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013.



Dan Sullivan  
Mayor of Anchorage



Dan Coffey, Chairman  
Mayor's Energy Task Force