

Co-Chairmen Kelly and Meyer and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify regarding this proposition of the ASAP gas pipeline as now defined by HB 4.

My name is Cindy Roberts. Except for four years in Juneau with the second Hicke administration, I have been a resident of Anchorage since 1971.

Since a recent tour of duty in the Murkowski Administration, I have been totally absorbed with gas pipeline questions and trying to craft clear explanations of the goals and objectives of AGIA.

Last January, I published the *second* edition of CRACKING THE CODE– A Citizen’s Guide to the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Discussion. My credentials are not in micro management of legal language. They are in commitment to Alaska and Alaskans in understanding the language of taking our natural gas resource to our communities in the state and to the global market in order to make our gas affordable to Alaskans - of this and future generations.

As you in this Committee examine the details of this bill, do not lose focus on the big issues:

- AGIA is being held ransom. Not just by the market glut in Canada and the Lower 48, but by the leaseholders on the Slope who wait for a new tax picture to thrill their stockholders.
- This “fiscally-conservative” legislature is ignoring reality. Do not lose sight of the \$500 million already committed to AGIA. More than \$300 million of “inducemens” has been invested to date. *What results have been reported to the public AND TO YOU? Can this continue?*
- TWO Open Seasons for AGIA have not been disclosed. The September 2012 yielded at least a 200% interest by willing purchasers. *Why is a third Open Season on a smaller line a wise investment?*
- The economics of this pipeline are compromised by the legal limits of AGIA – with maximum throughput of 500 million standard cubic feet per day. We will not only have higher costs per unit for nonindustrial use, we will skip value-added options as the liquids will not be transportable in this line. *Why is this being seen as “maximum benefit” ? And to whom?*

Our economic future is at a watershed moment thanks to this bill and SB 21’s possible obliteration of our fiscal security. Before you vote on this bill and send it to the Governor for signature, once again read the 2011 Alaska Gasline Port Authority report from Wood Mackenzie and look at the \$400 Billion to the plus side of the equation that will result from a large scale pipeline to a deep-water export facility in Valdez.

Your math skills and your ethical reputations are in question.