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The Honorable Cathy Giessel, Chair
The Honorable Mia Costello, Vice-Chair
Senate Resources Committee
State Capitol Room 205
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senators Giessel and Costello:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) respectfully requests that SB 70 "An Act relating to exceptions from designation as a special purpose site under art. VIII, sec. 7 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska for portions of Denali State Park, Captain Cook State Recreation Area, Nancy Lake State Recreation Area, and Willow Creek State Recreation Area to allow leasing a right-of-way for a natural gas pipeline," be scheduled in the Senate Resources Committee at your earliest convenience.

The purpose of this legislation is to open a corridor in Denali State Park, Captain Cook State Recreation Area, Nancy Lake State Recreation Area, and Willow Creek State Recreation Area to right-of-way leasing for the construction and operation of a natural gas pipeline from the North Slope, while retaining management of the land as park land pending issuance of a right-of way lease and imposing conditions on any right-of-way lease to protect the scenic and recreational value of the land for citizens of the state. In addition, the bill would provide for the return to special purpose status of all affected land as it is released from the pipeline right-of way corridor. A copy of Governor Walker's transmittal letter, the original bill, briefing paper, and fiscal note accompany this request.

Your favorable consideration of this request is appreciated. If you need any additional information, please contact Courtney Sanborn, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Natural Resources at 907-465-4730.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark D. Myers".

Mark Myers
Commissioner

Cc: Darwin Peterson, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor
Ed Fogels, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources
Ben Ellis, Director, Division of Parks and Recreation

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