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Honorable John Lincoln, Co-chair
State Capitol, Room 102

Honorable Geran Tarr, Co-chair
State Capitol, Room 128

House Resources Committee
120 4th Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Chair Lincoln and Chair Tarr:

It has been brought to our attention that Jeremy Price, formerly the Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Dunleavy, and currently a member of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC), has been nominated to become Chairman of that Commission by the Governor.

From 2005-2013, Mr. Price worked on Capitol Hill first as Legislative Assistant and later as Legislative Director for Congressman Don Young, and following that, as Legislative Assistant for Senator Lisa Murkowski serving as liaison between her senate office and the Senate Appropriations Committee. Because the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council has experience working with Mr. Price during his years on Capitol Hill, we are providing to you some information regarding that work in case it may be of assistance at this time to you and the House Resources Committee.

During Mr. Price's years working in the office of Congressman Young, he served as Rep. Young's professional staff member handling matters before the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. It was during that service in 2009-2010 that Mr. Price played a vitally important and constructive role in helping Rep. Young and the Committee in the development of a legislative provision that would provide a statutory mandate for the use of dual escort tugs to accompany oil laden double hulled tankers in Prince William Sound.

It was encouraging to the members of the PWSRCAC that, with Mr. Price's advice and counsel, Rep. Young, along with the other members of the Alaska Congressional delegation, supported and was instrumental in the passage and enactment of that dual escort tug legislative provision. That statutory provision has been one of the keys to helping reduce the risk of another major oil spill in Prince William Sound. On this and other matters relating to the safe handling and transport of oil at the Valdez Marine Terminal and through Prince William Sound, Mr. Price worked cooperatively and effectively with the PWSRCAC for which the members of this organization are most appreciative.

Sincerely,


Robert Archibald
President


Donna Schantz
Executive Director