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Mr. Stephen Ribuffo
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Dear Mr. Ribuffo

I commend your continued efforts to maintain the Port of Alaska's strategic viability to support Department of Defense operations and our national security through Alaska's five major military installations.

Sealift capability is vital to our nation's ability to project power to combat theaters around the globe. The Port of Alaska, as one of 17 designated Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Commercial Strategic Seaports under the United States Maritime Administration's National Port Readiness Network, provides military planners and port operators with capabilities critical to successfully executing contingency plans and operations for the military installations in Alaska.

The Port of Alaska is the largest single point of throughput for military cargo in the state. Combat vehicles and aircraft, weaponry, support equipment, as well as commodities for our base exchanges and commissaries, pass through the port in the form of bulk, containerized, heavy-lift, and roll-on/roll-off assets.

Port of Alaska throughput includes 50 million gallons of military aviation fuel annually. In addition, since 2019, the port received 4,512 cargo containers in support of our military forces, representing 85% of the statewide total. This supply line is essential to deployment of combat forces from and redeployment to Alaska. Additionally, this Port is equally vital for supporting our 55,000 resident military family members.

As the Arctic continues to grow in geo-political importance, we expect the Port of Alaska's strategic importance to support Department of Defense operations to also increase. Additionally, as we look to increased military capabilities in Alaska, to include two new squadrons of United States Air Force F-35 5th generation fighter aircraft at Eielson Air Force Base near Fairbanks, we will have even greater reliance on the Port of Alaska to deliver sustainment to over 1,500 new military personnel and accompanying families.

Bottom line, sustaining and modernizing the capabilities of the Port of Alaska to provide continued support of military operations and training in Alaska remains crucial to our ability to effectively execute our Department of Defense missions today and in the future.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DAVID A. KRUMM', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

DAVID A. KRUMM
Lieutenant General, USAF
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