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VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Shelley Hughes, District M
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The Honorable Cathy Tilton, District 26

The Honorable Jubilee Underwood, District 27
The Honorable Elexie Moore, District 28
The Honorable George Rauscher, District 29
The Honorable Kevin McCabe, District 30

Dear Senators and Representatives,

We write to you in support of House Joint Resolution (HJR) 14, which champions the completion of the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension (PMRE) and encourages a renewed commitment by the Alaska Railroad to a community-minded approach to future rail expansion. PMRE is paramount for advancing economic development and the resilience of our region and the State.

Expanding rail infrastructure can significantly reduce transportation costs, enhance air quality, and improve the efficiency of shipping bulk commodities and materials to and from interior Alaska. This will bolster our State's logistics network and stimulate economic growth and job creation across various sectors.

We support HJR 14 and recognize its significance in advancing Alaska's economic vitality, security, and infrastructure resilience. Investing in critical infrastructure like PMRE can lay the foundation for a more prosperous and secure future for all Alaskans. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we stand ready to assist in any way we can.

Sincerely,

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