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Cc: Members, Legislative Budget and Audit Committee

FROM: Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson, Chair

Legislative Budget and Audit Committee

DATE: March 3, 2025

RE: Request for Full Cooperation in Special Audit of the Oil and Gas

Production Tax Audit

The Legislative Auditor, authorized under Article IX, Section 14, of the Alaska Constitution and Title 24 of the Alaska Statutes, leads the independent audit function for the State of Alaska. As part of this constitutional and statutory mandate, the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee exercises its oversight responsibilities to ensure transparency, accountability, and the effective stewardship of public resources.

On February 26, 2025, the Committee, pursuant to its authority under AS 24.20.201(a)(3), unanimously authorized the Chair to request the Administration's full cooperation in assembling, furnishing, and providing the Legislative Auditor with all relevant information necessary for the Special Audit titled, *Oil and Gas Production Tax Audit Process*.

Thus, under the statutory authority of the Committee, I respectfully urge the Administration to fully cooperate with the Legislative Auditor and to not only grant access to, but also actively assemble and furnish the materials requested.

The integrity of Alaska's oil and gas tax audit processes is essential to the state's financial well-being. Your cooperation is critical to ensuring a thorough and objective review.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to working together to uphold transparency and accountability.