



May 9, 2025

**RE: Letter of Support for Resolution Urging Congressional Appropriation of Workforce Development Funds for the Alaska LNG Project**

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature,

On behalf of the Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center (FPTC), I am writing to express our strong support for the resolution requesting the United States Congress to appropriate the workforce development funding authorized under the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act (15 U.S.C. § 720).

FPTC has a long-standing mission to provide high-quality, hands-on training for Alaska's construction and pipeline workforce. We are committed to preparing Alaskans—including Alaska Natives, residents of rural communities, and dislocated workers—for the high-skill, high-demand careers required to support major infrastructure and energy projects across the state.

The Alaska LNG Project represents a generational opportunity for economic growth, energy security, and strategic development—not only for Alaska but for the nation. However, its success depends on a trained and ready local workforce. While training centers like ours possess the facilities, instructors, and partnerships necessary to deliver skilled craft training, we lack the resources to scale up in time to meet the workforce demand this project will generate.

Federal investment is essential. Appropriating the funds authorized by Congress will allow Alaska's network of training centers to launch coordinated, timely training efforts that equip Alaskans with the skills they need to build and operate this vital project. These efforts will ensure project dollars circulate in our local economy, benefit Alaskan families, and build a sustainable in-state workforce long after the construction phase ends.

We also support the resolution's emphasis on prioritizing Alaska-based small businesses and contractors. Local hiring and contracting amplify the long-term economic return on federal and state investments while empowering communities across the state.

We urge swift and full appropriation of these funds and appreciate the Legislature's leadership in advancing this important resolution. FPTC stands ready to work with our state and federal partners to help make the Alaska LNG Project a model for workforce development and local economic benefit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Schumacher", written over a horizontal line.

**Amy Schumacher**

Director

Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center