



January 22, 2026

Members of the Alaska State Legislature
Alaska State Capitol
120 4th Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Meet the Match: Protecting Alaska's Economy

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature,

On behalf of the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce and Interior Alaska's Business Community, we urge your immediate action to approve the state match required to fully access Alaska's FY26 federal transportation funding.

Alicia Kresl, Executive Director of the Associated General Contractors of Alaska, spoke to our membership last week about the critical role this funding plays not only in the construction industry, but in Alaska's broader economy. That message is echoed in the nearly 100 Call to Action postcards enclosed with this letter from Fairbanks-area employers, employees, contractors, and community members.

For Interior Alaska, transportation infrastructure is foundational. Reliable roads, bridges, airports, and freight corridors are essential to mobility, including moving goods, supporting military readiness, sustaining resource development, and connecting communities. When transportation investment is delayed, businesses feel the impact immediately through infrastructure deficiencies, project disruptions, workforce uncertainty, and economic consequences.

The governor's proposed \$70 million supplemental appropriation addresses the funding glitch that occurred in the last legislative session, and fulfills Alaska's required 10 percent match for FY26 federal transportation funds already allocated to our state, unlocking approximately \$700 million in total transportation investment. Timely legislative action is critical to allow DOT&PF to advertise projects, award contracts, and move shovel-ready work forward during Alaska's short 2026 construction season, ensuring current infrastructure needs are met.

The enclosed postcards reinforce what we hear daily from Interior employers: certainty and timely action matter. We respectfully ask that you approve the FY26

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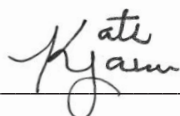
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match appropriation as soon as the Legislature convenes to ensure federal dollars designated for Alaska are put to work as soon as possible.

Thank you for your service and for considering the perspective of Interior Alaska's business community. The Fairbanks Chamber stands ready to serve as a resource as you deliberate this important issue.

Sincerely,

GREATER FAIRBANKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Katie Yarrow
President/CEO



Lisa Putnam
Board Chair

Cc: Honorable U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski, State of Alaska
Honorable U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan, State of Alaska
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