



February 4, 2026

Representative Ky Holland
Alaska State Capitol, Room 418
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Letter of Support for Land Transfer from AK Railroad to City of Whittier

Dear Representative Holland:

Chugach Alaska Corporation (Chugach) is the Alaska Native Regional Corporation for the Chugach Region established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, as amended, 43 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq. ("ANCSA"). Chugach owns or has valid selection rights to over 928,000 acres of full fee estate and sub-surface estate within the Chugach Region. Included are 315 acres of uplands along Passage Canal and an additional 100 acres of waterfront property in Shotgun Cove.

As a major landowner in the Whittier area, Chugach recognizes the value of House Bill 216 in supporting the City's long-term planning, infrastructure needs, and overall economic growth. The transfer authorized by this bill is an important step that advances ongoing efforts between the City of Whittier and the Alaska Railroad and will allow the City to assume control of the primary parcels where the community, airport, and campground are located. This conveyance will give the City the ability to plan more effectively for future development. Chugach supports efforts that promote coordinated, responsible growth and looks forward to continued collaboration as the City advances its broader vision for the head of Passage Canal.

Please accept this letter as our full support for HB 216.

Sincerely,

Sheri Burette
Chairman
Chugach Alaska Corporation