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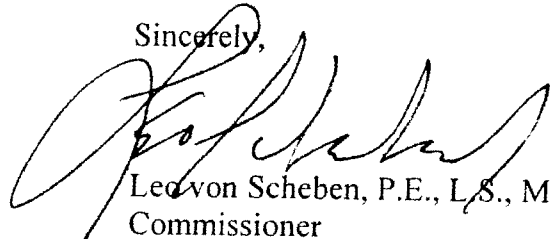
The Honorable Albert Kookesh
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 11
Juneau AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Kookesh:

Thank you for sponsoring SB 148. This important piece of legislation will facilitate the partnering between Alaska's tribe and the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF).

One of the most confusing issues during negotiations is liability. Eliminating or limiting the need to discuss liability issues during agreement negotiations means, time and energy will focus on the core transportation issues and ultimately the construction of transportation infrastructure that will benefit communities.

Sincerely,



Leavon Scheben, P.E., L.S., M.B.A.
Commissioner

cc: Mary Siroky, Legislative Liaison, DOT&PF



RUBY TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Sen. Albert Kookesh
Alaska State Capital Building
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Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Letter of Support for SB -148

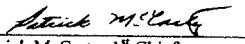
Dear Senator Kookesh,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Ruby Tribal Council and all its Tribal Members to fully support SB -148 a bill you sponsored and introduced during the Senate Transportation Committee hearing this past week. This bill will complete the circle of federal funds that comes to Alaska to build and maintain Alaska's entire public infrastructure, especially in rural Alaska where the absence of funding for infrastructure improvements is felt the most.

This bill, SB - 148 will be a first step in bridging Tribal and State funding strategies for years to come when it concerns public community streets, highways, bridges, trails, and ferry systems.

Thank you for all the work you do for the State of Alaska, and our tribal communities.

Sincerely,


Patrick McCarty, 1st Chief

Cc: IRR FILE



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Sincerely,

Jack Wright, 1st Chief

Cc: FRR file



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Resolution No. 2009 - 07

Resolution Supporting Senate Bill – 148 that Would Limit the State of Alaska's Liability & Shield the State from lawsuits arising from IRR and other Federal/Tribal Transportation Projects in Alaska

WHEREAS; the Manley Village Council is a federally recognized tribe; and

WHEREAS; the Manley Village Council is the governing body of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS; to preserve our Alaska Native cultural and tribal values, and otherwise promote the economic health and welfare of tribal members, residents of the surrounding area, and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS; the Manley Village Council has the authorities and duty to provide for a safe and healthy environment for all our tribal members, residents of the surrounding area, and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS; the Manley Village Council fully supports **SB-148** and Alaska's Department of Transportation & Public Facilities sponsorship of **SB-148**; and

WHEREAS; the Manley Village Council is currently under contract the Bureau of Indian Affairs to plan, design, construct, and maintain the routes currently identified as Official listed in the National Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Inventory and are part of the Tribes' 20 year Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2009 update; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Manley Village Council fully supports Senator Kookesh's **SB – 148** and urged the legislature to vote to enact this important legislation as soon as possible.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution **2009 – 07** was adopted at a regular monthly meeting of the Manley Village Council held on **March 31st, 2009**, at which a quorum was present and certified by a vote of;

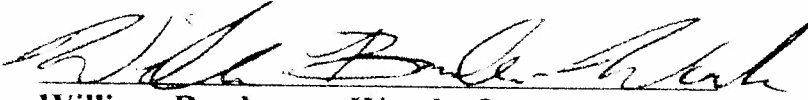
5 IN FAVOR, __ AGAINST, __ ABSTAIN, __ ABSENT

Signed:



Jack Wright, 1st Chief

Attest:



William Bredeman-Woods, Secretary-Treasurer