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Thank you Mr. Chairman, and members of the House Finance Committee, for the opportunity to offer my testimony on HB 9. I urge the AK House Finance Committee to table or vote no on HB9.

Before explaining my opposition to HB9 however, I would first like to assure the House Finance Committee, through the Chairman, that

1. I support the development of Alaska's North Slope Natural Gas (NSNG) resources.
2. I gladly accept the fact that due to my rural location, living in Kenny Lake, I will certainly never personally utilize NSNG to heat my home no matter which pipeline is built or how soon. The NG grid will likely never reach my home or business.
3. Because my home and business are off the commercial power grid, I will certainly not benefit from electricity produced by burning NSNG.
4. Aside from a brief construction boom and associated development, I do not believe either in-state pipeline project offers rural residents, such as myself, hope of significant long-term jobs and/or economic development close to home.

In short, my opposition to HB9 and the ASAP project is neither based on a fear of development nor a selfish desire for affordable energy and/or economic development in the region where I live. I oppose HB9 because I expect the State of Alaska to promote the development of NSNG reserves for the greatest benefit to the greatest number of Alaskans. I expect the State of Alaska to directly provide NSNG to as many Alaskans and as much of Alaska as economically possible. I expect the State of Alaska to export as much NSNG to market as possible.

HB9 clearly limits the capacity for Alaska to benefit from NSNG by endorsing a small diameter pipe and a pipeline terminus that cannot service the largest LNG tankers.

HB9 excludes many Alaskans from possible use of NSNG by endorsing a pipeline with very few if any economically feasible off-take points and/or spur-lines.

In 2002, 1 and over 60% of voting Alaskans, voted for Ballot Measure 3. HB 9 directly contradicts the will of Alaskan voters.

I will not repeat the numerous other objections to HB9 that you have already heard except to say that I urge you to take a closer look at what some people consider serious dangers associated with HB9.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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