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Subject: Governor's Energy Relief Package

Chairman Dunleavy;

I am writing in support of the Governor's bill (SB 23) to facilitate the trucking of LNG to the Interior.

I am a long time Fairbanksan (30+ years) and my wife and children were all born in Fairbanks. My company has served the interior and the State of Alaska since 1965, employing an average of 30 workers during the construction season. It has always been a bit more challenging to live and work in Fairbanks, but in the last several years the high cost of energy has made it much more than challenging, many have found it impossible and have packed up and left. With electricity and heating costs higher than mortgages, people are left with little or no discretionary income. This puts a strain on businesses as well as families, a strain that is felt all the way to Anchorage, where all of the goods pass through and many of the Fairbanks businesses have a home base.

We have all hoped for a large diameter gas line and are willing to settle for a small diameter in state gas line, but with each passing legislature hope and opportunity fade. For such an energy rich state to leave its citizens starving for affordable energy is hard to fathom. I know that the answers are not easy, but the Governor's bill provides an opportunity for stakeholders to pursue a short term solution to get gas and propane from the North Slope to the Interior and beyond. And with each market opened up, more opportunities will emerge. As you know this is not a handout; the loan will be repaid to the State. It is a start down the road of getting Natural Gas from the North Slope to the citizens of the State and eventually to markets abroad.

I urge you to support the Governor's bill.

Respectfully
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