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From: brian rezek <akman65@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 2:53 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: In State gas line

My Name is Brian Rezek and I'm a 47 year resident of Alaska, 37 years in Sitka. I would like to see an All Alaskan gas pipeline. Because of the high cost of fuel it's hard to live the subsistence lifestyle we rely on to feed our families. If an all Alaskan pipeline will lower my heating bills then we should jump on it. Kind of depressing watching our oil drive by right off the coast only to come back to us @ 4.50 a gallon for gas and heating fuel. Even if it doesn't help me it would surely help other Alaskans that may need it more than I. Leave the special intrests out of your decisions and do whats right for Alaskans. thank you

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From: BILL SMITH <schmeejmr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 3:50 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: HB4

I'm an Alaskan voter from Chugiak and I support HB4. Don't cave to special interests (Valdez)! Please get it done.

Bill Smith
Chugiak

Sent from Samsung Mobile

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From: Ron Long <rlms@ptialaska.net>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 4:02 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: HB4 Instate Gas Line

Honorable Chairmen and Committee Members, I urge you to move HB4 to the floor for a vote, and on to the marketplace for an open season. As a resident of an area that will not immediately see natural gas under this or any other proposed gas line development scenario I support this project because it does provide an immediate tangible benefit lacking in other proposal put forth so far. The utilities that make the electricity that lights the communities and turns the motors for our businesses all along the Railbelt are facing economic crises heretofore unknown. Cook Inlet gas supplies are projected to reach critically low levels by 2015. Exploration there may provide some relief, but the focus is on oil. If gas is found it will be some time before it makes a difference in the market, if then. We've been told "don't worry, be happy...there's plenty of gas in Cook Inlet." They've just got to find it and then get it to the utilities. That's not much reassurance. We're also assured by recent ad campaigns that the big line is about to be built. No, really. This time it's true. And we'll get customers. And we'll sell lots of gas liquids, to somebody. And we'll all be getting bigger Permanent Fund Dividends. Advertising campaigns don't build pipelines, nor do best intentions. The litany of perceived faults of HB4 raised by opponents don't strengthen their preferred project, nor do they further realistic objectives for the majority of Alaskans today. Please move HB4 forward so that the only actual project on the drawing board right now can be tested by market forces. Just like the big line, if the market says that it's won't work, then it won't be built. The specter of the State having to bail out continuing losses to support a failed project is simply not true. If the MVP supporters are now able to get permits, engineering, market contracts, etc. to move that project forward then there's no need for an in-state line. If they are not, then Alaska must do what it can to move energy to the majority of the population as quickly as possible. Gas to the existing market is what's needed now, not the promises of yet to be discovered gas in Cook Inlet or the assurance that the big everything for everybody line we've talked about for decades is any closer to reality. Thank you for your consideration, and for the opportunity to comment. Ron Long, Seward, Alaska



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Representative Mike Chenault
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Representative Mike Hawker
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RE: Letter of Support for House Bill 4: In-State Gasline Development Corp

Dear Representatives Chenault and Hawker:

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce appreciates the support and interest shown in Alaska’s energy crisis through your efforts to bring natural gas from the North Slope to the citizens of Alaska. Reducing the high cost of energy in the Interior is the Fairbanks Chamber’s top priority this legislative session. Your participation in the teleconference regarding House Bill 4 with our Energy Committee was welcomed, informative to the members, and encouraging for the future.

The Chamber supported the Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline Project (ASAP) and HB 9 last legislative session. The bullet line remains one of the Chamber’s mid-term priority projects for reducing the cost of energy in the Interior. Trucking of liquefied natural gas remains the top priority of the entire community, primarily due to lower capital costs and more immediate delivery schedules. It is also accepted that the best way to transport gas over the long-term may be to transition from trucking to a pipeline.

The progress on the ASAP line, including preliminary design, environmental, permitting, and right-of-way (ROW) work places it far ahead of any other in-state pipeline options. The entity created by HB 4 could also serve as a catalyst and/or partner for other gas line solutions. The Chamber is supportive of your efforts with HB 4 and of the ASAP project.

Please accept this letter of support from the Chamber for passage of HB 4 this session. We are supportive of the funding necessary to bring the ASAP line to open season as a companion to, but not as a substitute for, the funding necessary to bring trucked LNG to the Interior.

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From: dwight stuller <ddstuller@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 5:00 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: House Bill 4

Dear Senators Meyer and Kelly,

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you reasons to support of the continued development of an in state gas line. I have recently heard considerable advertisement identifying why the in state line is a bad deal for Alaska and its citizens. I have not heard anyone advertising the merits of an in state line or what the result of no line will mean. While I certainly understand and agree with some of their statements it is also true that there has been considerable studies and "bad news" regarding the possibility of a large diameter line in the near future to connect with the lower 48 states or to an Alaskan tidewater site for export. As we have all heard there is currently a surplus of gas which ultimately drives prices down on the national and world markets making the viability of a large diameter line questionable.

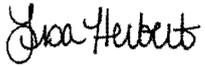
Meanwhile residents of Fairbanks continue to pay extremely high costs for heating fuel, electricity etc. It is also my understanding that a shortage of natural gas is also a real possibility in the near future for the Anchorage and surrounding areas as well, due to demand and declining output from the Kenai area. It would appear to me that to best serve Alaska's citizens, continuing to evaluate this smaller (and feasible) line or possibly combining ideas to develop a partial large/small diameter line to allow for future growth when its economically viable would be in the best interest of the state and its citizens. It is clear to me that the State needs to build a gas line to support both the immediate and long term goals and needs of its residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

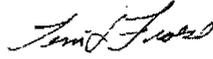
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We thank you for your leadership on this critical issue facing our community.

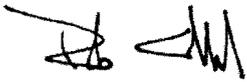
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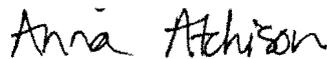
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Good Afternoon

My name is Bob Shefchik. I am the Chair of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce Energy Committee and the Chair of the Interior Gas Utility Board of Directors. I am here today to speak in support of HB4.

In the past weeks you have heard testimony about the high cost of energy in the Interior; the impact that has on the economy of the region; and the impact that has on the air quality in the region. Most of this testimony was related to the advancement of SB21.

All of those facts and impacts remain true and relevant to the advancement of HB4. Last year HB9 was a mid-term priority of the GFCC – seen as a mid-term solution to the energy problems of the Interior. That support remains today in the form of support for HB4.

HB4 forms the organizational basis for the underpinnings of the ASAP line. It can also serve to facilitate or advance any of the other gasline option to bring North Slope gas to market. Low cost energy to the residents and businesses of the state – helps the economy of the entire state. The economics of the line will determine if the ASAP project is built.

Much of the political advertising against HB4 takes the form of rhetoric attacking the ASAP project – and in particular seems focused to attack any line that does not terminate in Valdez. The media campaign has almost nothing to do with HB4 and everything to do with supporting a large line to Valdez.

HB4 creates the entity that will take the ASAP line to the point of testing for financial viability. The format and size for the ASAP line changed between July 2011 and July 2012 – as engineering and economics refine the project. I expect that will continue to occur.

In any case, the focus on a line from the North Slope to serve the residents of the state is the correct focus. HB4 and the funding to take the ASAP line to open season are important steps in the correct direction.

Your support for HB4 in committee and on the floor of the Senate is appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

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Doniece Gott

From: Toghotthele Corporation <toghotthele@hotmail.com>
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To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: HB 4

Greetings,

I think the in state gas line is the best long term solution to reducing energy costs for all Alaskans and cleaning up air pollution problems in the interior. I hope you'll support HB 4 as the gas belongs to Alaskans and connecting the north slope to Anchorage is the best solution for Alaskans. I live in Fairbanks and I appreciate your consideration of the ASAP line.

Jim Sackett