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To: House of Representatives Fisheries Committee  
c/o Caroline Hamp  
Legislative Staff  
Office of Rep. Ortiz  
[Caroline.Hamp@akleg.gov](mailto:Caroline.Hamp@akleg.gov)

Re: FNWARM support for Hearing for House Joint Resolution 9

To Whom It May Concern:

First Nations Women Advocating Responsible Mining (FNWARM) is an indigenous coalition of community-based leaders in British Columbia, Canada. Our work supports initiatives to reform unsafe mining practices and address laws that may cause harm to water, fisheries, and surrounding communities.

Transboundary mining issues between Alaska and British Columbia are of critical importance to us all, and must be addressed.

Therefore, FNWARM supports the House Joint Resolution #9:

HJR 9: Urging the United States government to continue to work with the government of Canada to investigate the long-term, region-wide downstream effects of proposed and existing industrial development and to develop measures to ensure that state resources are not harmed by upstream development in British Columbia.

We appreciate the work and leadership demonstrated by Alaskans on this critical issue. Please contact me if you require further information or support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bev Sellars'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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