



May 2, 2019

Re: Support Northern Rail Extension

Dear Chair Kopp and Members of the House Rules Committee,

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce supports completion of the Northern Rail Extension. Extending railroad service to Delta Junction and Fort Greely is a means to provide additional ways to move heavy cargo, especially in support of the nation's missile defense, Stryker Brigade training, Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC) activities, mining and agricultural products. This would remove barriers to transporting other goods and services, as well as reducing wear and tear on the highway system. We believe it is in the best interest of Alaska to immediately encourage the US Congress to authorize completion of the Northern Rail Extension and we urge the legislature to pass HJR12 in this session.

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce represents over 700 business members throughout Interior Alaska. We work to advocate for the best business environment, promote economic strength and growth for interior Alaska, and to develop the resources and networks enterprising people use to share knowledge.

Respectfully,

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President/CEO

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Board Chair

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Representative Harriet Drummond

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