



Council of

Alaska Producers

**Support for SB90: Extension of the
Alaska Minerals Commission**

March 13, 2023

Senator Click Bishop and Senator Cathy Giessel, Co-Chairs
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Bishop, Senator Giessel, and members of the Senate Resources Committee,

The Council of Alaska Producers (CAP) is writing to support SB90, "An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska Minerals Commission."

Formed in 1992, CAP is a non-profit trade association that works to inspire Alaskans to realize a shared goal of sustainable mineral production, providing economic and social benefits to our communities and the people of Alaska. CAP represents the interests of Alaska's five large metal mines and several advanced projects, informing members on legislative and regulatory issues, supporting and advancing the mining industry, and educating members, the media, and the general public on mining related issues.

Since it was established in 1986, the Alaska Minerals Commission has played a valuable role in identifying issues and recommending state and federal policy actions to support a strong and sustainable mining industry in Alaska. CAP fully supports the extension of the Commission to 2034.

Thank you for hearing this bill. We encourage the Resources Committee to pass it from committee quickly.

Sincerely,

Karen Matthias
Executive Director