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Ms. Stephanie Rice, Project Lead Alaska State Office Bureau of Land Management (BLM) 222 West Seventh Avenue – Mailstop 13 Anchorage, Alaska 99513

Dear Secretary Haaland and Project Lead Rice:

On behalf of North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU), its fourteen affiliated national and international unions, and the over 3 million construction industry employees we represent, I write to express our strong support for the Willow Project in Alaska and to state our opposition to any extension to the comment period for the recently released draft supplemental environmental impact statement (DSEIS).

After five public comment periods, 25 public meetings and hundreds of days for public comment, we request that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) deny any request to further extend the comment period for the DSEIS. By approving such an extension all that would be gained is further delay in providing thousands of middleclass sustaining jobs to our members, and communities in Alaska. These requests for delay are not intended to yield substantially new information, as such has already been offered in the years since this project's announcement. They are instead intended to delay the project another winter construction period or worse delay the project to where it is no longer economically viable to proceed.

With the winter construction period rapidly approaching an extension of the comment period in any manner means our members, the working men and women of the construction industry, will be effectively blocked from receiving the good wages, benefits, and career experience offered by Willow for another calendar year.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter and your continued thoughtful approach to the Willow Project which will directly benefit our members in Alaska.

Sincerely,

Sean McGarvey President