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State Capitol Bldg.
Juneau, Alaska 99801
April 6, 1971

Miss Celia M. Hunter
Backwoods Trail,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Celia:

Thanks so much for sending along a copy of your letter to Rep. Dick McVeigh re House Joint Resolution 59. I certainly concur with your comments and appreciate you taking the time to transmit them.

Best personal regards,

Mike Miller, Representative
District Four, (Juneau)

Backwoods Trail, Fairbanks, Ak.
April 2, 1971

Richard McVeigh, Chairman
House State Affairs Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. McVeigh:

RE: House Joint Resolution No. 59
Relating to Federal Highway Trust
Funds

I wish to be put on record as favoring passage of this resolution at the earliest opportunity. The federal legislation now before Congress to permit use of Highway Trust Funds for other forms of public transportation other than construction of highways is vital to the improvement of living conditions for millions of American citizens.

The tyranny exercised by the highway builders over the lives of American citizens must be broken. In the early days of automobiles, this legislation restricting use of gasoline taxes for construction of highways may have made sense, but it is totally anachronistic today. With mounting pollution from private automobiles, with demands for parking space beyond any hope of adequate supply, and with the urgent need for speedy mass transit systems to relieve the congestion of urban areas, the restriction of these funds for highway use only is criminal.

Here in Alaska, we have so many varied needs for transportation, with our marine highway system, our bush airfields, and the use of snow machines in many of our bush areas requiring some assistance in maintaining trails between villages for them, we need the greater flexibility of transportation which a liberalizing of the rules governing the Trust Funds would allow.

I urge you to report this resolution out with a "do pass" recommendation, as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Celia M. Hunter

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