



April 8, 2022

Co-Chair Bishop  
Co-Chair Stedman

Re: Support Letter for the Port of Alaska

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

The Alaska Chamber (the Chamber) writes in support of the Port of Alaska being given priority consideration as you review proposed infrastructure projects leading into the end of the regular legislative session.

The Alaska Chamber was founded in 1953 and is Alaska's largest statewide business advocacy organization. Our mission is to promote a healthy business environment in Alaska. The Chamber has more than 700 members, representing 58,000 Alaskan workers and \$4.6 billion in wages.

Every year, the Chamber membership reviews, discusses, and votes on its policy positions and priorities. Among the dozens of positions of importance to the Chamber, the recently updated Port of Alaska position reads as follows:

***“Support the Port of Alaska for its economic, military and transportation strategic importance for the State of Alaska.”***

The Port of Alaska's importance to our member companies, their employees, and their families cannot be overstated. With 90% of Alaska's population served by the port and 50% of all inbound Alaska cargo managed by the port, it is vital to their business operations and for quality of life for all Alaskans.

We respectfully request the port's strategic importance to the entire state be given due consideration when the legislature prioritizes issues that require immediate resolution before the end of the legislative session. Few issues are more critical to the majority of Alaskans than ensuring the Port of Alaska continues to function.

We appreciate your attention to this urgent matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kati Capozzi'.

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