

## **Alaska State Chamber of Commerce 2008 Position**

### **Positive, objective, and timely permitting process for resource development**

The State of Alaska and the current administration should emphatically support, both philosophically and financially, the ability to permit projects in a positive and timely manner. The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce advocates and promotes responsible and environmentally sensitive mining development, as well as a fair return to the residents of the state of Alaska.

The State Chamber believes that the permitting and taxing process, through several state agencies, has an abundance of environmental and legal safeguards, and in fact, still has room for more efficiency and shorter time-lines, thus encouraging even greater economic value of the mining industry.