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Submitted electronically via email

Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Re: Targeted industry taxes for maintenance and operation of public infrastructure

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature,

We, the undersigned organizations representing a broad cross-section of Alaska's economy, write to express our growing concern with proposals that would impose industry-targeted surcharges or fees to fund maintenance and operation of public infrastructure.

While these proposals may be framed as narrow or industry-specific revenue measures, they raise a much larger concern for Alaska's business climate and the long-term principle of how public infrastructure is funded in our state.

Recently, the Senate Resources Committee advanced legislation containing a new \$0.30 per-barrel surcharge on Alaska oil production in attempt to fund Dalton Highway maintenance. Regardless of one's position on oil and gas taxation broadly, we believe the underlying concept of targeting a single industry to fund maintenance of public roads sets a troubling precedent with potentially far-reaching implications for every sector of Alaska's economy.

Public roads, highways, ports, and transportation corridors are foundational infrastructure that support all Alaskans and all industries. Alaska's transportation network enables the movement of

people, goods, equipment, fuel, food, and commerce throughout our state. These systems exist for the collective benefit of the public and the economy as a whole.

The concern before us is not limited to one industry or one highway. If Alaska begins establishing industry-specific surcharges tied to use of public infrastructure, it becomes increasingly easy to apply similar concepts elsewhere.

This approach risks creating a fragmented and punitive infrastructure funding model that selectively assigns public costs to individual industries based on political or geographic considerations rather than broad-based statewide policy. It also creates uncertainty for businesses making long-term investment decisions in Alaska.

As organizations representing industries that collectively employ tens of thousands of Alaskans and contribute substantially to state and local revenues, we believe infrastructure policy should be approached carefully, transparently, and consistently. Major changes to how Alaska funds public infrastructure should be evaluated through a broad statewide lens and with full consideration of economic competitiveness, cumulative impacts, and precedent.

We are also concerned about the broader message these targeted surcharges send at a time when Alaska is actively competing for investment, jobs, and economic growth. Stable and predictable taxation policy is critical. Singling out industries to shoulder infrastructure costs risks undermining confidence in Alaska's long-term business environment.

We respectfully urge the Legislature to reject proposals that establish industry-targeted road maintenance surcharges or similar sector-specific infrastructure fees on public transportation systems. We further encourage policymakers to work collaboratively with stakeholders on durable, statewide approaches to transportation funding that preserve fairness, predictability, and Alaska's economic competitiveness.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued support of policies that encourage investment, commerce, and opportunity across Alaska.

Sincerely,



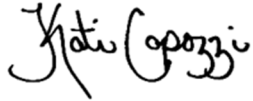
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