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Alaska’s economic powerhouses head to D.C. with a clear message: America’s future runs through the 49th state

“AK on the Hill” fly-in brings 100+ Alaska leaders to Capitol Hill to make the case for energy, security, and prosperity

WASHINGTON, D.C. – With the U.S. racing to reclaim its global edge in energy, national security, and critical minerals, Alaska’s top resource and business leaders are landing in the nation’s capital with a message: If America wants to lead, it must start in the great state of Alaska.

More than 100 Alaskans, including leaders from 16 statewide organizations including oil and gas, mining, fishing, forestry, tourism, trucking, construction, and Alaska Native Corporations, will convene April 29-30, for “AK on the Hill,” a coordinated, two-day push to spotlight Alaska’s unique strategic value to the United States.

“We’re not here to talk about Alaska as a postcard or snow globe; we’re here to talk about Alaska as the driver of America’s future,” said Kati Capozzi, President/CEO of the Alaska Chamber. “From critical minerals to domestic energy security, Alaska isn’t just a part of the solution, we are the solution.”

Since January, Alaska has dominated headlines for its massive development potential; everything from copper and rare earths to liquefied natural gas (LNG,) coal and seafood. And with the federal administration pledging to make the U.S. a resource powerhouse, Alaska once again stands front and center.

With strong and vocal support from Alaska’s congressional delegation, this fly-in builds on ongoing efforts in Washington to secure energy independence, strengthen Arctic infrastructure and ensure Alaska’s voice is central to national resource policy.

“America can’t win the global race for resources without Alaska,” said Leila Kimbrell, executive director of the Resource Development Council for Alaska. “We have what the country needs, and our neighbors in the Lower 48 agree with us.”

A recent national poll by [Public Opinion Strategies](#) reports that:

- 87% of Americans view Alaska positively.
- 73% want to reduce reliance on China by tapping Alaska’s domestic resources.
- 77% support expanding national security infrastructure in Alaska (deep-water ports, icebreakers).
- 70% believe Alaska should have more control over its own land and resources.
- 64% support boosting critical mineral production; rising to 70% once they learn what Alaska holds.
- 77% trust Alaska’s environmental standards more than foreign producers.

At “AK on the Hill,” Alaska’s leaders will deliver a clear message: responsibly developing the state’s resources can help the U.S. strengthen supply chains, secure energy independence, and support Indigenous communities - all while preserving environmental and cultural values.

“We’re showing Washington you don’t have to choose between progress and protection,” said Nagruk Harcharek, President, VOICE of the Arctic Inupiat. “Alaska proves you can have both.”

Media opportunities

Alaska leaders are available for interviews before, during, and after the fly-in to discuss:

- The sheer volume and national impact of Alaska’s industries.
- Indigenous-led development and economic self-determination.
- Bipartisan solutions for energy, infrastructure, and critical minerals.
- How Alaska can help the U.S. outcompete adversaries like China and Russia.

More than 70 organizations, companies, and trade organizations representing every conceivable Alaska resource or industry are scheduled to participate in AK on the Hill. Additional information is found [online](#).

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