



May 12, 2026

Senator Scott Kawasaki, Chair  
Senate State Affairs Committee

Re: Senate Bill 286, Dalton Highway Toll (version 34-LS1577\A)

Dear Chair Kawasaki, and members of Senate State Affairs Committee,

The Alaska Chamber (the Chamber) writes in opposition to Senate Bill 286, an act establishing a toll for use of the James Dalton Highway by certain vehicles; and providing for an effective date.

The Alaska Chamber is the state's largest statewide business advocacy organization. Our mission is to promote a healthy business environment in Alaska. The Chamber has more than 700 members and represents businesses of all sizes and industries from across the state, representing 58,000 Alaskan workers and \$4.6 billion in wages.

The Alaska Chamber has several longstanding policy positions to support and encourage the growth of the oil and gas industry here in Alaska, including a specific position to "Support and encourage a positive investment climate that provides certainty and stability for statewide oil and gas activities; oppose efforts to increase oil and gas taxes." The Chamber has another policy position to "Oppose new targeted taxes."

SB 286 unfairly singles out one industry to bear infrastructure costs while exempting other highway users, creating a concerning precedent for sector-specific taxation. The bill would increase operational costs for oil and gas development, exploration, and production activities at a time when Alaska should be focused on maintaining a stable and competitive investment climate. These additional costs will ultimately ripple throughout the broader economy, discouraging investment, increasing uncertainty, and potentially impacting future production and development opportunities on the North Slope. Alaska's economic future depends on policies that encourage responsible resource development, not policies that target one industry for additional fees and costs.

For these reasons, the Alaska Chamber urges the Legislature to reject Senate Bill 286 and instead pursue balanced, broad-based approaches to transportation funding and infrastructure maintenance that do not unfairly burden one of Alaska's most critical industries. Thank you for your consideration of the Chamber's comments.

Sincerely,

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

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