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Bureau of Land Management
Alaska State Office
222 West 7th Avenue #17
Anchorage, AK 99513-7504

Re: Trans Alaska Pipeline System Right-of-Way Renewal, DOI-BLM-AK-9410-2026-0009-EA

Dear Ms. Sweet,

On behalf of the Alaska Chamber, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the proposed renewal of the federal right-of-way for the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS). The Alaska Chamber strongly supports continued operation of TAPS and the timely renewal of the right-of-way necessary to support this critical piece of Alaska and national energy infrastructure.

The Alaska Chamber is the state's largest business advocacy organization, representing more than 700 businesses across Alaska that collectively employ more than 58,000 Alaskans. Our mission is to promote a healthy business environment that supports economic growth, job creation, investment, and opportunity throughout the state.

TAPS has operated continuously for nearly five decades and remains the only means of transporting crude oil from Alaska's North Slope. Since operations began, the system has transported more than 19 billion barrels of oil across Alaska. Its continued safe and reliable operation is essential not only to North Slope development, but to Alaska's broader economy, employment, state and local revenues, in-state refining, and the nation's energy security.

As the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) develops the Environmental Assessment for the proposed 30-year right-of-way renewal, the Chamber encourages the agency to recognize that this review concerns the continued operation of a mature, existing system rather than construction of a new project. Accordingly, the environmental analysis should make full use of the substantial body of existing environmental information developed over TAPS' decades of operation.

BLM should utilize the 2002 Final Environmental Impact Statement prepared for the previous right-of-way renewal, subsequent Environmental Assessments completed for major projects along TAPS, relevant agency reports, historical monitoring information, permit compliance records, and other available environmental data to establish baseline conditions. This extensive record provides BLM with decades of real-world information regarding TAPS operations and the surrounding environment and should allow the agency to focus its analysis on conditions or operational circumstances that have materially changed since the previous renewal.

We also encourage BLM to fully evaluate the socioeconomic impacts associated with continued TAPS operations. The pipeline is inseparable from Alaska's broader oil and gas economy and supports economic activity extending far beyond the physical right-of-way. TAPS enables North Slope production, supports jobs and businesses throughout Alaska, supplies crude oil to in-state refineries, and contributes to economic activity and public revenues that support communities and essential services. The analysis should therefore consider the economic and employment effects associated with continued operation as well as the consequences that could result from interruption or loss of this transportation infrastructure.



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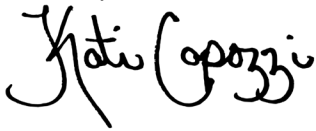


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TAPS remains one of the most important pieces of infrastructure in Alaska. Continued responsible operation of the system supports Alaska jobs, businesses, communities, resource development, and domestic energy production. Just as importantly, a predictable and timely right-of-way renewal process provides needed certainty for continued investment in North Slope oil production and the infrastructure necessary to bring those resources to market.

The Alaska Chamber appreciates BLM's consideration of these comments and encourages the agency to conduct a focused, science-based environmental review that builds upon the extensive environmental and operational record developed during nearly five decades of TAPS operations. Based on that review, we strongly support renewal of the federal right-of-way and the continued safe and reliable operation of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kati Capozzi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kati" and last name "Capozzi" clearly distinguishable.

Kati Capozzi
President and CEO