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Members of the Gasline Caucus
Alaska State Legislature

Good morning, members of the Gasline Caucus,

My name is Kari Nore and I serve as the Director of External Affairs for the Alaska Chamber. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today.

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

The Chamber supports advancing the Alaska LNG Project because it has the potential to strengthen Alaska's energy security, create jobs and business opportunities across multiple industries, and improve the long-term competitiveness of our economy. Our members need reliable, affordable energy, but they also need a stable policy environment that attracts the billions of dollars in private investment required to make a project of this scale a reality.

We encourage the Legislature to keep gasline legislation focused on moving the project forward, avoid adding unrelated targeted taxes or surcharges, and address broader fiscal issues through *separate*, statewide policy discussions. This is an opportunity that requires action. Advancing the Alaska LNG Project now will benefit Alaska families, employers, communities, and our long-term economic future.

Recent statewide polling reinforces that Alaskans recognize this opportunity. Nearly 80 percent of Alaskans support construction of a natural gas pipeline from the North Slope to Southcentral Alaska for both in-state use and exports. Seventy-three percent support the State maintaining its ownership role and making additional investments to move the project toward construction. In a separate statewide survey, nearly 40 percent of Alaskans indicated they would hold the Legislature responsible if the project ultimately fails to move forward.

The timing is also critical. Alaska has a unique opportunity before us that may not come again. We have unprecedented federal support, strong interest from private-sector partners, growing demand for LNG in international markets, and a looming natural gas supply challenge here at home. These conditions have aligned in a way we have not seen in decades. But opportunities like this do not remain open indefinitely. Every month of uncertainty makes it harder to maintain momentum, secure investment, and keep Alaska competitive with other energy-producing regions around the world. The Legislature has an important role to play by providing the certainty and policy framework needed to keep this project moving forward.

For our members, the first issue is energy. Reliable and affordable energy is fundamental to economic growth. It affects household budgets, business operating costs, military readiness, community services, and whether employers have the confidence to invest and expand in Alaska. The Alaska LNG Project offers the opportunity to provide a long-term, reliable supply of natural gas while strengthening energy security across the state.

Second is economic opportunity. This is one of the most significant infrastructure investments in Alaska's history. Previous estimates indicate the project could support at least 7,000 construction jobs and hundreds of



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long-term positions, before accounting for the broader economic multiplier. But the benefits extend well beyond direct employment. Construction companies, trucking firms, manufacturers, miners, seafood processors, Alaska Native corporations, suppliers, small businesses, and communities throughout the state all stand to benefit from the contracts, services, and long-term economic activity the project would generate.

Third is competitiveness. Alaska competes nationally and globally for investment. Projects of this magnitude require long planning horizons and enormous capital commitments. Investors need confidence that Alaska offers a stable, predictable policy environment. That is why the Chamber and our coalition partners have consistently urged lawmakers to keep gasline legislation focused on its intended purpose—creating the conditions necessary to advance the Alaska LNG Project.

We also want to be clear about what could jeopardize that opportunity. Adding unrelated targeted taxes, project-specific surcharges, or other policy provisions creates uncertainty. Even if those measures are narrowly intended, they send a broader signal that Alaska may change the rules during major investment decisions. That uncertainty affects whether companies choose to invest, hire, purchase equipment, and grow in our state.

Which is not to suggest that important fiscal questions should be ignored. Community impacts, local government revenues, infrastructure funding, and long-term tax policy are all legitimate issues that deserve thoughtful consideration. Our request is simple: keep the path clear. Advance legislation that supports the Alaska LNG Project. Preserve a stable and competitive investment climate. Address broader tax and fiscal policy separately and give this project the opportunity to succeed.

The greatest risk is no longer that we move too quickly, it is that we wait too long. Delays only increase costs, create uncertainty, and strengthen competing projects elsewhere.

Ultimately, the Alaska LNG Project is about much more than a pipeline. It is about securing Alaska's energy future, expanding private-sector opportunity, and demonstrating that Alaska remains a place where major investments can move forward.

The Alaska Chamber stands ready to work with the Legislature and all stakeholders to help make that vision a reality.

Thank you for your time, and consideration of the Chamber's comments.

Sincerely,
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