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August 13, 2013

To: Jim Scholl

Mr. Scholl,

As the owner and operator of a Haines business, it is extremely important to me and my employees that the infrastructure that links Haines to Canada and the rest of Alaska is improved and maintained. We understand that in order to ensure future transports of goods and tourism through our town we must bring the Haines Highway up to the federal standard.

Beyond the importance of the highway to our local business, there are many safety issues that have needed to be addressed for years. In reviewing your talking points from the meeting I believe that ADOT&PF has thoroughly covered these concerns.

I am writing this letter to let you know that you have my complete and full support for this highway project. Please do not let the outspoken voices of a few of our resident complainers discourage you from the task at hand.

Sincerely,



John Floreske, Jr.
President
Northern Construction, Inc.

Julie Cozzi

From: Christy Tengs [christytengs@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 5:04 PM
To: haineshighway@alask.gov; alex.viteri@dot.gov
Cc: Julie Cozzi; darsie@live.com
Subject: Haines Highway comments
Attachments: IMG_0790.JPG

To:
James W. Scholl
Alex Viteri

Dear Sirs:

My husband, Bob Fowler, and I own the Bamboo Room Restaurant and Pioneer Bar in the heart of Haines, Alaska. These businesses have been in my family for 60 years. My 86 year old mother, Helen Tengs, lives with us. We are deeply invested in this town. We have teenage boys in school here and are concerned for their future.

It has become increasingly difficult to make a living in Haines. With the price of fuel, winters are really tough. Recently, we joined the majority of local businesses which are seasonal and reduced our hours in half from December through March.

I am very happy about the planned improvements to the Haines Highway. This project would mean jobs for our town and an improvement in our economy. It would mean workers during the lifetime of the project and hope for our kids to have employment in what ever ventures might open up with an improved corridor.

We cater lunches for a local tour company which takes people to view the eagles. Although it would be nice if we could keep all the eagle perching trees, I would not want to risk losing the funds for the road or delaying the project. The benefits to our town far outweigh the inconvenience of an eagle switching trees. I also think the wider shoulder and straight and level highway will be a boon to our eagle watching visitors.

Most important to me, however, are the safety concerns. I have personally experienced many close calls due to the shape of our road. Last year, my 16 year old son was riding with a friend home from basketball practice in Klukwan. They came around a corner and swerved to avoid a moose with too little time to brake. They survived, but you can see the result in the attached photo.

I am thankful for this project and am in favor of moving it forward in an expeditious manner.

Sincerely,

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From: Kerry and Joyce Town [<mailto:canalmarine@aptalaska.net>]

Sent: Monday, August 12, 2013 3:26 PM

To: DOT SER HainesHighway

Subject: Haines Highway-Making it a Safe road for everyone

To whom this concerns:

I would like to comment on the achievement of a Safe and reliable road to travel. Finally !! I live out at Mosquito Lake. Own a business in town. I travel this road a lot in the winter. It has been a scary ride many of time. With moose on the road, no where for people to pull off the road and take pictures safely. We look forward to the improvements and plans to go forward with this VERY NEEDED AND IMPORTANT Project. Making it safer for the animals is very important too. I'm certain this all can be accomplished. Thank you for your time.

Kerry and Joyce

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