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Dear Commissioner Kemp:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) in the final SEIS.

The First Things First Alaska Foundation strongly supports the preferred Alternative 2B, East Lynn Canal Highway to Katzehin, Shuttles too Haines and Skagway. This alternative provides better access to Alaska's Capital City for all Alaskans.

We believe that the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has done an excellent job discussing the various alternatives. The supporting documents are extensive and present a clear picture of why the 2B Alternative is in the best interest of all Alaskans and will contribute positive to Juneau and other southeast communities.

We believe that the discussion of the advantages of trucking in Appendix EE understates the advantage of trucking for the seafood industry and generally for the reduction in transportation costs as a result of better options than arte provided today. The ability to drive to Katzehin then catch a shuttle ferry to the Haines connection to the interstate highway system will provide significant savings opportunities.

We would encourage a review of the analysis on the effect of trucking provided in Alternative 2B.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neil MacKinnon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Neil MacKinnon
President

First Things First Alaska Foundation (FTFAF) is dedicated to preserving the economic viability and future of Alaska through education. There is a clear need to educate the public on the benefits of responsible economic development and natural resource management.