



July 22, 2014

Hon. Don Young
United States House of Representatives
2314 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Lisa Murkowski
United States Senate
709 Hart SOB
Washington, DC 20510

Hon. Mark Begich
United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

RE: ASRC SUPPORT FOR KEY ROLE FOR BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POINT SPENCER

Dear Congressman Young, Senator Murkowski and Senator Begich:

On behalf of the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC), I would like to express our strong support for Bering Straits Native Corporation's (BSNC) efforts to receive land at Point Spencer (often referred to as Port Clarence), under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. I understand that BSNC applied for the land selection under section 14(h)(8) of ANCSA in 1976. This selection is imperative for BSNC to ensure that its people will have the opportunity to fully participate in any development that may take place at Point Spencer in the years to come, and share the economic benefits from that development with its people.

It is also our understanding that BSNC also wishes to ensure that the archaeological and cultural sites located at Point Spencer are protected and not continually looted as future development occurs there.

As you know, one of the keys to the future in the Arctic is how the country prepares for dealing with all manner of issues related to marine research, search and rescue, oil spill response, exploration and development, shipping safety, ports of refuge, and economic development in the somewhat harsh Arctic. The Arctic is home to us, and we are well familiar with its environment and all of the challenges and opportunities it offers. Undoubtedly, the people of the Bering Strait region, many of whom are BSNC shareholders and descendants, will be impacted as Arctic development occurs.

In particular, as more and more of the Arctic waters open up to shipping, use of the Northern Route and the Northwest Passage will become more frequent and routine. There will be an increased need for ports in places like Point Spencer. We believe that BSNC is best suited to help advance development at Point Spencer through the melding of public and private sector interests and capabilities.

ASRC looks forward to working with BSNC in the months and years ahead on its efforts at Point Spencer. We urge you, as our Congressional Delegation, to do all that you can to help facilitate the transfer of land at Point Spencer to BSNC.

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ARCTIC SLOPE REGIONAL CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rex Rock, Sr.", written in a cursive style.

Rex Rock, Sr.
President & CEO