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September 5, 2014

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RE: H.R. 4668

Dear Congressman Young, Senator Murkowski and Senator Begich,

I would like to express our support of H.R. 4668, an Act which would convey lands at Point Spencer to Bering Straits Native Corporation, the State of Alaska, and the United States Coast Guard. This conveyance will allow for an improved quality of life for Alaska Natives and non-Natives who reside within the region and therefore I urge our Congressional Delegation to work together to achieve its passage and the enactment of this bill during this Congress.

Enactment of H.R. 4668 will allow BSNC the opportunity to participate in the development of designated lands at Point Spencer which will in turn have a positive impact in the region and potentially State and nationwide. This may come in the form of job creation in an area that has a higher than average unemployment rate, protection of archaeological and cultural sites, search and rescue efforts, arctic research and other related uses.

Change in the Arctic is occurring at an alarming rate and is already being felt by our communities, most of which lie on the coasts of Bering Strait and Norton Sound. As development continues in the Arctic, it is important that we (as key land owners and

those most familiar with its history, potential and what is at stake) are a key player within it. BSNC is well suited to help advance development at Point Spencer with both the public and the private sector while ensuring that those it services has the opportunity to fully participate in its development in the years to come.

As commercial and recreational traffic increases through the Bering Strait, port development (and places of refuge) are important. BSNC has provided goods and services with other federal agencies and is very well equipped to handle any potential development at Port Spencer in partnership with industry, the State and Federal agencies. This legislation will have a positive and important impact within the region and therefore we urge its passage and any effort you are able to provide to facilitate the conveyance.

Sincerely,

KAWERAK, INC.

Mary David for
Melanie Bahnke, President

Cc: BSNC