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April 21, 2021

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Cape Blossom Road Phase #2 in forthcoming surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Kotzebue. The City of Kotzebue or the Alaska Department of Transportation may be the recipient and manager of the project. The City of Kotzebue is located at 258A Third Avenue PO Box 46, Kotzebue, AK 99752.

The funding is designated to construct an access road from Kotzebue to Cape Blossom located 10 miles south of the Community. The road will allow for the future development of a deep-water port to be located at Cape Blossom, eliminating the expense of barge lighterage service and reducing the overall cost of transporting goods and services to the Northwest Arctic Borough.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits for the city and residents of Kotzebue and surrounding villages. The road will reduce the costs of essential goods and services for the Northwest Arctic Borough. Currently, essential goods are flown into the community at a 25% cost premium. The reduction in cost will improve the cost of living and assist with economic development across the region.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Young".

April 21, 2021