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April 21, 2021

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the North Slope Borough in forthcoming surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the North Slope Borough. ARRC is located at North Slope Borough P.O. Box 69 Utqiagvik, AK 99723.

The funding is designated to construct Phases II and III of the Barrow Arctic Research Center Road (a/k/a Uivaqsaagiaq Road). This construction phase would provide access to the former Naval Arctic Research Laboratory (NARL), the Barrow Arctic Research Center (BARC) and Ilisagvik College (the only Tribal college in Alaska) that is not subject to flooding and erosion as is the current access via Stevenson Street.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and completion of the inland access route will support economic development by providing safe, consistent access to NARL and the services provided out of that facility, as well as access to retail space, tourism sites such as Point Barrow and the boat launch site for subsistence whalers. The elimination of the need for repeated, major seasonal repairs will help foster economic development and promote resiliency in response to disaster events.

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".

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