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April 27, 2021

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the planning and design of multimodal transportation improvements to Point Spencer and Port Clarence, Alaska in forthcoming surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Bering Straits Native Corporation an Alaska Native Corporation and a federally recognized tribal entity under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. The Alaska Department of Transportation would be the likely recipient and manager of the project funds in concert with the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a co-administrator of the Tribal Transportation Program. Bering Straits Native Corporation Inc. is located at PO Box 1008 110 Front Street, Suite 300, Nome, Alaska 99762.

The funding is designated to provide planning and preconstruction engineering and design funds for multimodal transportation improvements to land at Point Spencer and Port Clarence, Alaska.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits for the residents of the Bering Straits region. Port Clarence is a natural deep-water harbor in the Bering Straits region and access to the harbor and surrounding area will improve the economic prospects for the region's residents. Additionally, the location has been identified as a strategic location for the development of commerce and future U.S. national security needs.

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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