

March 17, 2020

Commissioner John MacKinnon Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities P.O. Box 112500 Juneau, AK 99811-2500

Via email: dot.commissioner@alaska.gov

Dear Commissioner MacKinnon;

The Petersburg Borough Assembly is requesting Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities revise the plans for the Kake Access Road.

The Kake Access Road is currently planned to end at Twelve Mile Creek, approximately twelve miles from Petersburg. The Assembly feels it would be safer and more efficient for the road to terminate on the Kupreanof Island side of the Wrangell Narrows, across from Petersburg. This would allow for improved safety and use of the road for residents of both Kake and Petersburg. With the stated purpose of the road to improve recreation and subsistence opportunities it makes sense to improve access to the road for the population centers in both Petersburg and Kake. This will open additional uses for both communities and improve the transportation corridor between the communities.

Road construction is scheduled for this summer and implementing this change to the project is important to our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Jensen Mayor

Cc: Senator Bert Stedman

Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins