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The Honorable Bert Stedman
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol Room 518
Juneau, AK 99801
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Subject: Intertie Project between Kake and Petersburg

Dear Senator Stedman:

Recently, you informed me of a potential intertie project, linking Kake and Petersburg, and asked if it would be a beneficial transportation option to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) in the event of an emergency or for any other patrol purposes. I had members of the DPS leadership review the materials provided by Mr. Randy Ruaro on February 21, 2020.

As the residents of Kake and first responders are well aware, there are multiple logistical issues that can come into play when an emergency response is needed to the community, to include infrastructure, aircraft availability, daylight and weather. If the Kake/Petersburg intertie project came to fruition, DPS would certainly include the resulting constructed roadway into any emergency response planning. In cases where daylight is lacking, weather is adverse or no air assets are available, a quick boat trip for Petersburg-based Troopers to road access into the community would feasibly be an excellent option for emergency response, search and rescue needs, getting trauma victims expeditiously to medical attention, or additional patrol and community policing endeavors.

Simply put, if easily accessible road access into Kake from Petersburg was available, the DPS would be remiss not to consider it a viable logistical resource.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Price".

Amanda Price

Commissioner, Department of Public Safety