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Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 2:41 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: RE: In Support of Resolution 2020-21 - Kake Road Suspension of Further Funding/Public Hearing

I write to urge your thoughtful consideration and passage of Resolution 2020-21 opposing the expenditure of any further funds on the Kake Road project and requesting a public hearing on behalf of the communities of Petersburg and Kake.

As Alaska accelerates toward economic hard times due to falling oil production, the days of big projects going nowhere should be well over. Proactive, community directed leadership is needed to maintain and mitigate the effects of Alaska's declining revenue.

In this day and age communities like Petersburg should expect a participatory process identifying and prioritizing transportation and building projects that show proof of community support, project need in comparison to other identified transportation options and a full accounting of lifecycle operation and maintenance costs.

As the 40 million dollar Kake road project shows, even today this process can be short-circuited by an out-of-step legislative process enabling costly, inappropriate, and unsupported projects to go forward.

The people of Petersburg and Kake should have the opportunity to determine their own transportation future – and not have it imposed upon them without a local public process.

Please support this resolution for community-based self-determination.

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