

February 4, 2020

Senator Bert Stedman Senator.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov

Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
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Dear Senator Stedman and Representative Kreiss-Tomkins,

The Petersburg Borough Assembly requests an explanation regarding the Kake Access Road project currently in progress. We have questions regarding the purpose of the road, the funding for the project, the plan for maintenance, etc.

We are currently unaware of any support for this project from the communities of Kake or Kupreanof and question whether using the \$40,000,000 set aside for the previously contemplated Kake to Petersburg Intertie project to build the proposed Kake Access Road is the best use of these funds or in the best interest of the communities of Kake, Kupreanof and Petersburg. In his State of the State address, Governor Dunleavy shared he has tasked the Department of Administration with identifying wasteful spending, and this may be a good example.

With the legislative session now under way, we understand traveling to Petersburg to have this discussion is probably not in the cards. We have an Assembly meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 18th at 6:00 p.m. and request to add the Kake Access Road project to the agenda with you calling in for the discussion. Please contact Clerk Thompson at dthompson@petersburgak.gov to confirm. If an alternate date/time is better for you, Clerk Thompson will handle the scheduling. Once we have a plan, we will invite Kake and Kupreanof residents to attend the meeting as well.

Thank you for your consideration and for all you do for Alaskans.

Respectfully,

Mark Jensen Mayor