



February 28, 2017

David Farr  
Board Chair, National Association of Manufacturers  
733 10<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Ste 700  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Farr:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input through the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) to President Trump on infrastructure important to Alaska as well as the regulations we see as harmful to the business community here.

The Alaska Chamber is a non-profit founded in 1952 working to promote a positive business environment in Alaska. The Chamber is the voice of small and large businesses representing hundreds of employers and local chambers across Alaska. Our member companies employ over 100,000 hard-working Alaskans.

The infrastructure projects important to the Alaska Chamber and its member businesses are the Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Road, the Juneau Access Road, and providing access into the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Many of these infrastructure projects are contingent on regulations that are currently stifling these, and other projects in Alaska. The Alaska Chamber recommends examining the EPA's financial assurance requirements for hardrock mines under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), Waters of the United States (WOTUS), BLM land planning process and U.S. Forest Service plans, and permitting regulations as it pertains to oil and gas development in the National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska and on the North Slope of Alaska.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide input through NAM to the President. If there's any additional information we can provide, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Curtis W. Thayer'.

Curtis W. Thayer  
President & CEO