



February 28, 2017

Senator Lisa Murkowski
United States Senate
522 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for S.J. Res. 15, the disapproval of the final rule submitted by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) relating to resource management planning.

Dear Senator Murkowski:

The Alaska Chamber fully supports your efforts to repeal the BLM's Planning 2.0 Rule.

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 business representing hundreds of employers and local chambers across Alaska. Our member companies employ over 100,000 hard-working Alaskans.

As it seems with most bureaucracies, the land planning process underneath BLM has grown to be substantially lengthier, more confusing, and burdensome for stakeholders to engage in. This process has become so complex most comments received by BLM on these plans are from paid environmental groups and NGOs who specialize in providing comments. This leaves working citizens, regulators, industry representatives, and average Alaskans unable to provide meaningful comments on what is often times multi-hundred page documents.

Thank you for your leadership and efforts on this important issue.

Best regards,

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

Curtis W. Thayer
President & CEO