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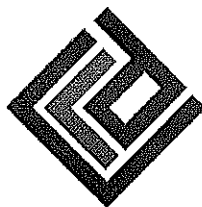
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1. Call to order – Eric Fjelstad, President
2. Self Introductions
3. Head Table Introductions
4. Staff Report – Marleanna Hall, Executive Director
5. Program and Keynote Speaker:

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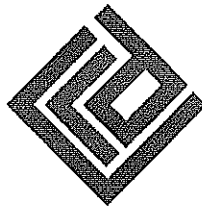
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August 21, 2015

The Honorable Bill Walker
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Re: Akiachak Native Community Litigation

Dear Governor Walker:

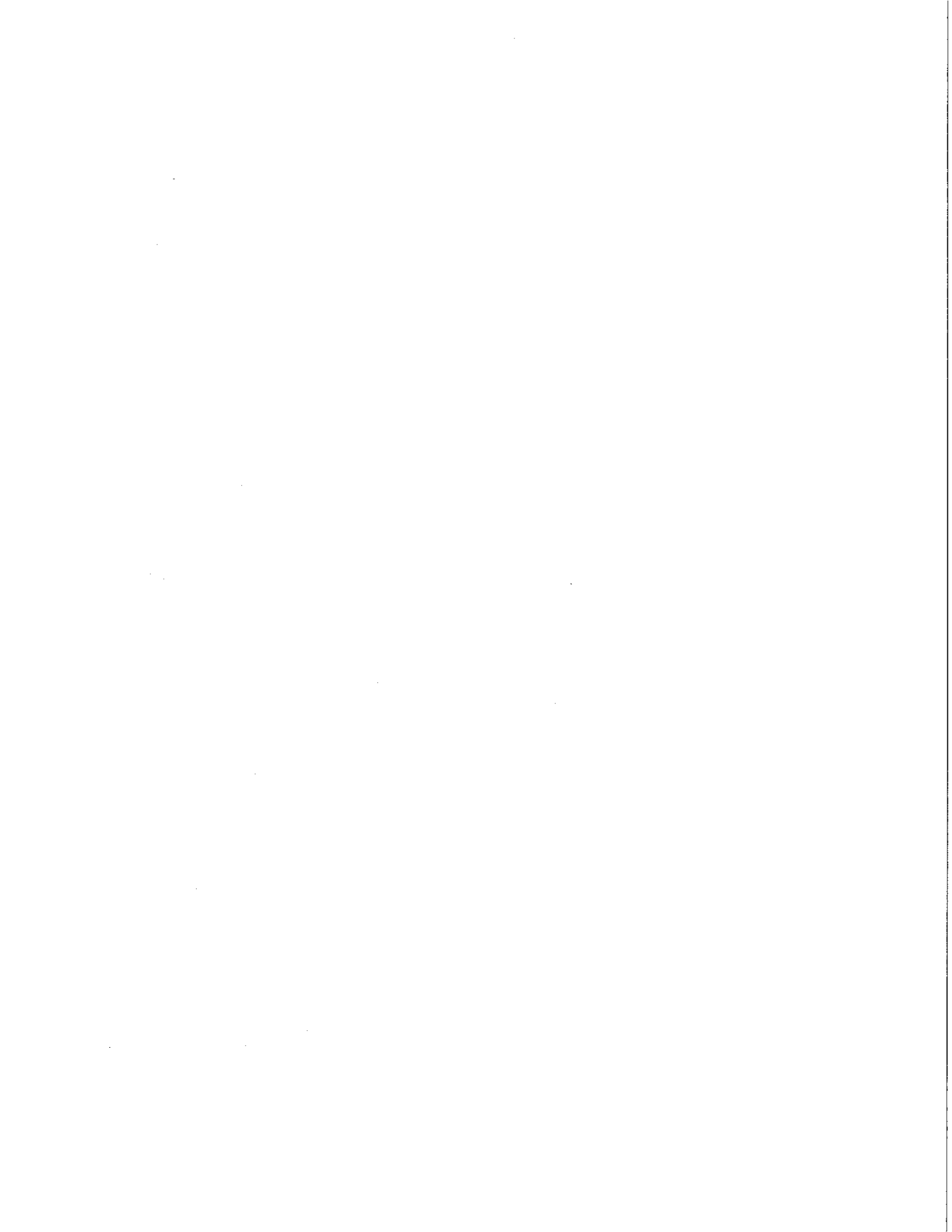
The Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc. (RDC) is writing to urge your administration to appeal the Akiachak Native Community lawsuit that, along with a Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) final rule effective January 22, 2015, would result in the establishment of additional trust land in Alaska. It is imperative that the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia be appealed to achieve a final resolution on this critical issue.

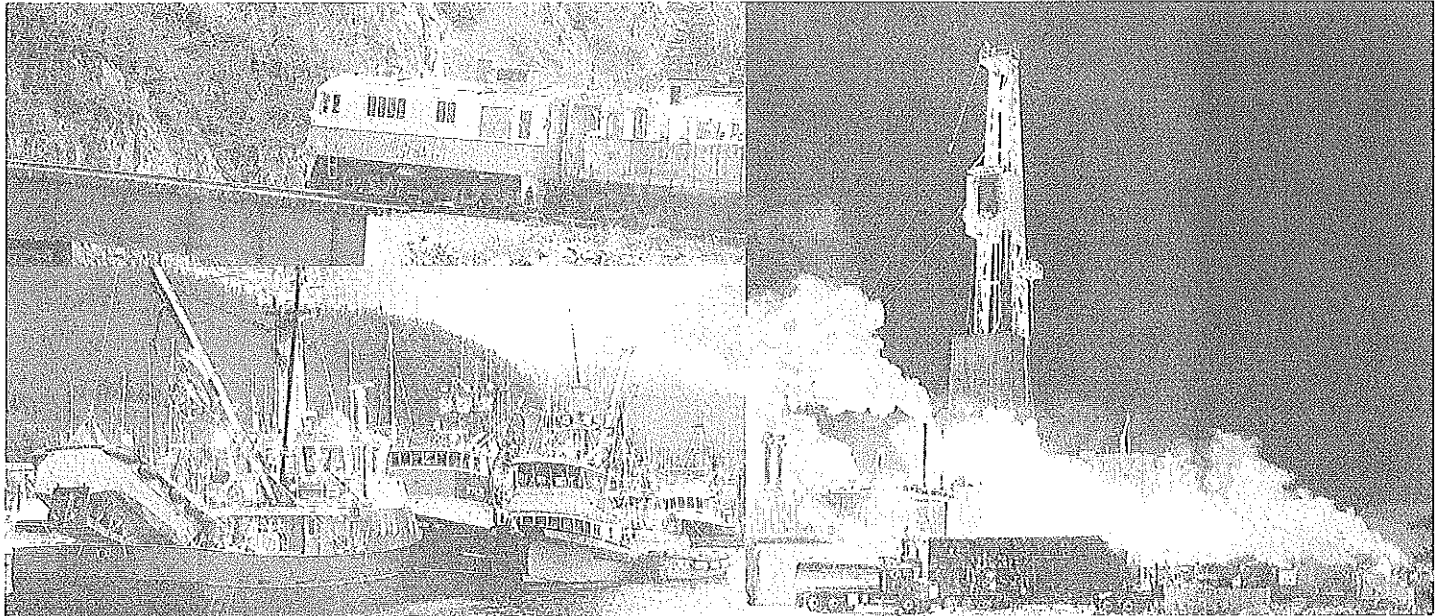
RDC is a statewide business association comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's oil and gas, mining, forest products, tourism and fisheries industries. RDC's membership includes Alaska Native Corporations, local communities, organized labor, and industry support firms. RDC's purpose is to encourage a strong, diversified private sector in Alaska and expand the state's economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources.

The federal court held that the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) did not repeal the Secretary of the Interior's authority to take lands into trust pursuant to another statute, Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. The court further held that the Alaska exception diminished the privileges and immunities of Alaska tribes relative to other tribes. As a result, the federal court has determined that tribes can petition to place their lands in trust under the federal government. This could create a patchwork of governmental jurisdiction in Alaska that further complicate and threaten community and resource development, block access to rights and property, reduce tax revenues, undermine state and local regulation, impact infrastructure development, and impede state management of fish and game resources.

If the court's decision is allowed to stand, it will transfer primary jurisdiction over land taken into trust from the State of Alaska to the federal government and the affected Indian tribe. With more than 200 entities in Alaska identified as tribes by the BIA, the land under trust could expand in magnitude with unintended consequences across the state, including potential impacts to a future gasline in our great state.

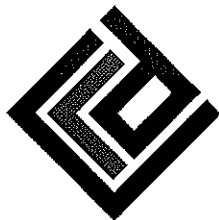
ANCSA states in Chapter 33, 1601 (b), "The settlement should be accomplished rapidly, with certainty, in conformity with the real economic and social needs of Natives, without litigation, with maximum participation by Natives in decisions affecting their rights and property, without establishing any permanent racially defined institutions, rights, privileges, or obligations, without creating a reservation system or lengthy wardship or trusteeship, and without adding to the categories of property and institutions enjoying special tax privileges or to the legislation establishing special relationships between the United States Government and the State of Alaska."





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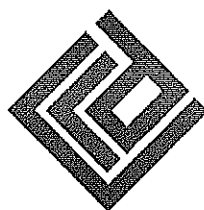
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September 21, 2016

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairman
U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Testimony for the record for the September 22, 2016 Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Hearing: S. 3203, S. 3204, S. 3273

Dear Senator Murkowski:

The Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc. (RDC) is writing to provide a written statement for the record in advance of the September 22, 2016 Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Hearing, which will include Senate bills S. 3203, S. 3204, S. 3273.

RDC is an Alaska-based business association comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's oil and gas, mining, forest products, tourism and fisheries industries. RDC's membership includes Alaska Native Corporations, local communities, organized labor, and industry support firms. RDC's purpose is to encourage a strong, diversified private sector in Alaska and expand the state's economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources.

RDC writes to comment on the following legislation:

S. 3203, the Alaska Economic Development and Access to Resources Act

RDC thanks you for the introduction of S. 3203, Title I – Fill TAPS, Title II – Outer Continental Shelf, Title III – Federal Onshore, Title IV – Mining, and Title V – Forestry, and is on the record in support of sections of the bill already.

TITLE I – FILL TAPS

The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) has played a critical role in our nation's energy security, carrying more than 17 billion barrels of oil to West Coast markets. It is the economic lifeblood of Alaska's economy and a critical link to the nation's long-term energy security. One cannot overstate the importance of oil and gas to Alaska. Oil production and the spending of the state's oil revenues account for up to one half of the economic activity in Alaska. Oil revenues provide and fund thousands of private and public sector jobs, as well as critical public services and infrastructure. It's clear that Alaskans and our state's economy would benefit significantly from increased oil production. In fact, the very concept of Alaska's statehood is predicated on the development of natural resources.

More than five decades ago when Alaska statehood was debated, many politicians in Washington, D.C. doubted this northern territory could build an economy and contribute to the union. Alaskans joined together to convince Congress that development of Alaska's vast resources could establish and sustain a strong private sector economy. Ultimately Congress admitted Alaska to the Union. We remind federal policy makers that Alaska was allowed to join the union because of the expectation that the development of our natural resources would sustain the economy. Now, Alaska's economic lifeline, TAPS, is starved for oil. It's not because Alaska has depleted its natural resources. In fact, there is more oil in place onshore and offshore the North Slope than what has been developed since statehood. The challenge is achieving access to the resource.

TITLE II – OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

The federal government estimates there are 23.6 billion barrels of technically recoverable oil and about 104.4 trillion cubic feet of technically recoverable natural gas in the Chukchi and Beaufort sea planning areas. The Chukchi Sea itself is considered the most promising undeveloped energy basin in America with only several areas in the world that may offer higher potential. The Alaska Arctic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) likely constitutes the eighth largest oil reserve in the world, putting it above Nigeria, Libya, Russia, and Norway. In addition, it is estimated that economic activity from the development of conventional energy reserves beneath the Chukchi and Beaufort seas would create an annual average of 54,700 jobs nationwide (35,000 in Alaska) with a cumulative payroll of \$154 billion over the next 50 years. Moreover, government revenues generated from Alaska OCS production could reach nearly \$200 billion. It is imperative to move forward with exploration activities in the Alaska OCS. Development and production of Arctic energy resources will be needed to offset declining Lower 48 production projected to begin in the coming decades.

TITLE III – FEDERAL ONSHORE

The Federal onshore oil and gas resources will be vital to refilling TAPS and increasing our nation's energy security. The U.S. Geological Service estimates the National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A) contains 896 million barrels of oil, and 53 trillion cubic feet of undiscovered conventional natural gas within NPR-A and adjacent state waters.

Moreover, the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) is estimated to contain about 10.5 billion barrels of oil.

TITLE IV – MINING

Previously, RDC went on the record expressing concerns with an often ignored provision of the Alaska National Interest Land Claims Act (ANILCA), the "no more" clause.

RDC is concerned Federal land managers have routinely ignored Section 1326(b), a key provision of ANILCA which states that "no further studies of federal lands in the State of Alaska for the single purpose of considering the establishment of a conservation system unit ... or for related or similar purposes shall be conducted unless authorized by this Act or further Act of Congress." RDC believes S. 3203 TITLE IV – MINING, Section 403 ANILCA clarification: Limitation on land use designations, provides clarification and an expressed definition.

TITLE V - FORESTRY

RDC is also on record opposing the Roadless Rule in Alaska and encouraging a revitalized forest industry in the Southeast Alaska, including the establishment of a Tongass State Forest.

Specific to TITLE V – FORESTRY, Section 502. Alaska Mental Health Trust land exchange, RDC urges prompt passage.

For nearly a decade, the Alaska Mental Health Trust has been seeking to exchange with the U.S. Forest Service 17,341 acres of forested Trust lands near Ketchikan, Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell, and Sitka in exchange for Forest Service lands of equal value in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough and on Prince of Wales Island.

The exchange would minimize or avoid potential impacts to nearby communities while helping to sustain what remains of the timber industry in Southeast Alaska by providing more timber lands that could be managed on a sustained yield basis. This timber is critical to providing industry a bridge in transitioning to young growth timber.

S. 3204, the King Cove Road Land Exchange Act

RDC joins the Alaska delegation, thousands of Alaskans, and many business and trade associations, including the ANCSA Regional Corporation CEO's Association in support of the King Cove Road exchange.

For more than 15 years RDC has urged approval of the King Cove land exchange. RDC strongly believes that a road corridor from King Cove to the all-weather airport at Cold Bay is in the public interest. This is a public safety and human rights issue, which should be given the highest priority.

S. 3273, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Improvement Act of 2016

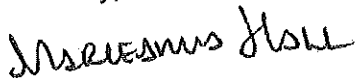
RDC is compelled to support this bill as it contains provisions and policies that will benefit village and Regional Native corporations, and thousands of Alaska Native shareholders. It also enforces benefits and entitlements to Alaska Native Corporations expressly contained in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act when it was passed in 1971.

Conclusion

RDC applauds the introduction of S. 3203, S. 3204, and S. 3272 as key legislation to improve and enhance economic and community opportunities for Alaska and the nation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important legislation.

Sincerely,



Marleanna Hall
Executive Director

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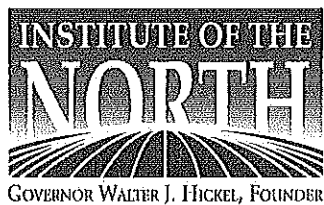
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