



# The Juneau Chamber of Commerce

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Delivered via email

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

Re: Juneau Access

Dear Governor Walker:

The Juneau Chamber of Commerce represents 400 small and medium size Alaska businesses and has a long history of supporting the Juneau Access Project. We strongly encourage you to move this important project forward as soon as permitting is complete. It is time to build The Road.

Now, more than ever, this project stands ready to provide a significant economic impact on Juneau and the region without the need to ask for additional investment of state funds. The creation of jobs during the multi-year construction phase and the addition of a new transportation corridor serving businesses and residents of the region is a major opportunity during a time when few capital projects will occur.

The benefits of the road have been presented in countless hearings and studies, most recently by the McDowell Group's report, "The Economic Benefits of a Lynn Canal Highway". This study was done at the request of *First Things First Alaska Foundation* (FTFAF) and has already been presented to the Administration by FTFAF.

With the region facing reduction in ferry service, the road becomes even more important to the communities currently served by the Marine Highway system. Access to jobs for residents of Skagway, Haines and Juneau during the construction phase and the long term benefits from increased visitor and commercial traffic to and from the region make the largest construction project in the region's history an important step forward in the development of the region.

Respectfully,

Craig E. Dahl  
Executive Director  
Juneau Chamber of Commerce