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January 23, 2017

Honorable Mayor Ken Koelsch, and
Assembly
City and Borough of Juneau
155 South Seward
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: CBJ Resolution 2784 – Juneau Access

Dear Mayor Koelsch and Assembly;

The Juneau Chamber of Commerce has a long history of supporting the Juneau Access Project and, along with many others, are disappointed by Governor Walker's selection of the "no-build" option for Juneau Access.

We still believe that this project is both technically and economically feasible and stands ready to provide a significant economic impact on Juneau and the region. 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. 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 for the development of Juneau and other communities in Southeast.

Regardless of the Governor's decision, the EIS for the road must still be completed and future construction has not been precluded. However, it is imperative that the capital funds previously allocated for this project remain appropriated until such time that the EIS is complete and construction can proceed.

The Juneau Chamber is in full support of CBJ Resolution 2784 and urges the Assembly to take whatever actions necessary to advocate for retention of the appropriated funds and future construction of the East Lynn Canal Highway.

Respectfully,

Craig E. Dahl
Executive Director
Juneau Chamber of Commerce