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Good evening, Glenn.

Thank you for the invitation to listen to the recent work session of the Nome Common Council. It was a good discussion, and we heard consensus among air carriers around concerns of proposed new taxes. I wanted to note that Alaska Airlines pays over \$200K a year in taxes in Nome, the majority being sales taxes collected and added to the general operating fund. It was also noted that those using the Nome road system with commercial vehicles felt aircraft should be similarly taxed. The difference is heavy equipment takes a toll on roads, something the city of Nome must repair and maintain. That is not true of runways. Those maintenance and repair expenses are the responsibility of state or federal DOT. And as you know, we own the terminal at the Nome airport, and we employ over 20 local employees. This summer we are beginning an investment of millions of dollars to refurbish, remodel, and/or expand our owned facilities in the state. Nome is on the list.

While we are not in favor of new taxes, between investing in aviation infrastructure, employing local residents, supporting community organizations, and paying taxes that support the city, we believe we are a good partner. Thank you again for including me on the call. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Take care.
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