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To Whom It May Concern;

It is our understanding that the Petersburg Borough is working with the State of Alaska to obtain the dock, floats, ramp, tidelands, and uplands located at Papke's Landing on Mitkof Island. The State of Alaska DOT and DNR both have interests in this facility; DOT has already indicated that it would like to pass ownership to the Borough. The Borough Assembly has solicited a Letter of Support from the Petersburg Indian Association (PIA) regarding this matter.

Although Petersburg's governing body has not shown itself to be a staunch or reliable supporter of matters that are important to its Native constituency, the PIA Tribal Council carefully considers what is beneficial to the community as a whole, in addition to what is beneficial to the Tribe, when deciding whether or not to issue a letter of support.

Papke's Landing is utilized by tribal members for subsistence use, as well as for transportation and recreational purposes. It is an important infrastructure resource for our community and provides improved access throughout the Borough and the region.

In this matter, PIA supports the actions of the Borough to obtain the Papke's Landing facilities for the purpose of providing improvements and on-going maintenance. It is hoped that a change in ownership will ensure the longevity of this valuable resource.

Sincerely,

Cris Morrison

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Tribal Council President