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Economic Development Administration
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RE: Construction of Marine Fuel Dock in Kake, Alaska

The Petersburg Borough Assembly supports the proposed construction of a new marine fuel dock in the community of Kake, Alaska. As a neighboring municipality in Southeast Alaska, we recognize the need and value of a marine accessible fuel dock. This facility is crucial for maintaining transportation for community members and transient users, and it will significantly benefit the area.

The municipality of Kake lost their marine fuel facility in 2017 and has since faced challenges stemming from a lack of reliable, year-round access to marine fuel. The absence of this critical infrastructure has negatively impacted local fishing vessels, subsistence harvesters, marine transportation providers, and general access to essential goods and services.

Building a new fuel dock would immediately address these issues, improving both safety and economic viability for Kake and its surrounding waterways. We believe that supporting infrastructure development in our communities strengthens the broader Southeast Alaska region, improves quality of life and economic sustainability of the region.

In the marine environment in which Southeast Alaskans all live, a marine accessible fuel dock is essential, and the Petersburg Borough Assembly clearly understands the need for, and supports, Kake Tribal Corporation's efforts to develop this essential project.

Sincerely,

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