

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 6, 2010

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
U.S. Capitol, S-131
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Vice Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
U.S. Capitol, S-131
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Appropriations Subcommittee on
Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies
Room 142, Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Christopher Bond
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on
Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies
Room 128, Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Inouye, Vice Chairman Cochran, Chair Murray, and Ranking Member Bond:

Please accept this addendum to my letter dated March 12, 2010, requesting projects and language to be considered in the Fiscal Year 2011 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies bill. This letter includes an amended amount for the project titled "Coffman Cove Barge Ramp and Loading Facility," as well as four additional bill language requests.

Project: Coffman Cove Barge Ramp and Loading Facility

Amount: \$975,000 [amended]

Recipient: City of Coffman Cove

Location: Coffman Cove, AK

Purpose: Construction of a 40 x 80 foot elevated concrete dock with electric dock hoist for loading vessels. Adjacent to the facility will be an 80 foot wide two tier barge ramp for loading at all tides. Coffman Cove, a small community, began as a logging camp and has been a city for 20 years. With the proper infrastructure, it can become self-sustaining. The barge ramp and bulkhead will enable Coffman Cove to attract barge traffic to the north end of Prince of Wales Island.

Project: Reprogram funds to enable improvements to bridges

Amount: \$0

Recipient: City & Borough of Juneau

Location: Juneau, AK

Purpose: Reprogramming to enable City & Borough of Juneau (CBJ) to make safety upgrades to bridges owned by CBJ. The original heliport project cannot be constructed as envisioned due to insufficient funds.

Requested Bill Language:

SECTION _____. "Of the \$1,000,000 appropriated under the heading "General Provisions" in Public Law 108-7 for Juneau Heliport, Alaska, the unobligated balance shall be available for improvements to bridges owned by the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska."

Project: Reprogram Alaska Railroad Luminescent Grade Crossings Improvements to Positive Train Control

Amount: \$0

Recipient: Alaska Railroad

Location: Statewide, AK

Purpose: To reprogram funds under FY05 Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, Grade Crossing and Innovative Technologies Initiative program to support the Alaska Railroad's implementation of positive train control.

Project: Reprogram C Street Railroad Bypass (Anchorage, AK) to Fairbanks Rail Line Relocation

Amount: \$0

Recipient: Alaska Railroad

Location: Fairbanks, AK

Purpose: To reprogram funds under FY04 Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Section 115 funds originally designated for initial design of a grade-separated highway/rail crossing at 'C' Street in Anchorage, AK

Project: Build Crooked Creek Road to Resources

Amount: \$0

Recipient: Calista Native Corporation

Location: Crooked Creed, AK

Purpose: Language to allow deviation from State road standards for vital project to provide access to a highly mineralized area in mostly State ownership in the Upper Kuskokwim area. This is an isolated pioneer road and these extra costs are unnecessary.

Requested Bill Language: In consultation with the Division Director, the State may adjust the standards and guidelines to which this project may be built to standards which the State considers appropriate.

Senators Inouye, Cochran, Murray, and Bond

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I certify neither my immediate family nor I have a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending item(s) I have requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. I further certify I have posted a description of the items requested on my official website, along with the accompanying justification.

If you have any questions, please contact Liz Brinkerhoff-Nottberg of my staff at (202) 224-3004.

Sincerely,



Mark Begich
United States Senator