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Senator Hollis French 716 W. 4th Ave Ste 420 Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: September 26, 2009 Hearing on Interaction between the Anchorage International Airport and the Surrounding Community

Dear Senator French:

Thank you for your request to Chairman Albert Kookesh that the Senate Transportation Committee hold a hearing concerning the interaction between the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport and the surrounding community here in Anchorage.

We very much appreciate your efforts to secure the hearing held on September 26. We believe this was the first opportunity the communities of Turnagain, Spenard and Sand Lake have had to express our concerns directly to the Senate Transportation Committee over the operations of the Airport.

While we all recognize the value of Ted Stevens International Airport and the International Airport System in Alaska, the Airport has not incorporated community concerns into its decision-making. This is not simply a concern about communication. Rather, the problem extends to the substance of the Airport's decisions.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration of our concerns.

Very truly yours,

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