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Governor Bill Walker
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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I applaud your vision for renewed investment in America's infrastructure as a means to grow the economy and advance the nation's strategic priorities. Alaska has much to contribute to these goals, and I urge you to give serious consideration to priority infrastructure projects in this great state.

Alaska faces unique challenges. As you know, Alaska is a young state and is equal in size to one-fifth of the contiguous states. We have a small population and control less than half our lands. The federal government owns 61 percent of Alaska. We are the only Arctic state in the nation. We have more than half of the nation's coastline. We have vast resource wealth. As great as the challenges are, the opportunities Alaska offers are limitless, with some basic infrastructure improvements.

This letter conveys our initial list of Alaska's priority infrastructure projects. Our priorities reflect your call for durable investments that promote American jobs and economic growth, improve the balance of trade and energy security, and support strategic national priorities.

Our initial list is purposely small. With the exception of two projects that have immediate life and safety implications, each project will enhance long-term efforts to make the United States more secure and economically robust. While some projects need federal grant funds, much of the federal support we request is for permitting, regulatory approvals, and low-interest and or long-term financing arrangements.

I appreciate the opportunity to share our infrastructure priorities with you. I have sent a similar letter with more detail to Mick Mulvaney, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and conveyed my expectation that additional Alaska project lists will be forthcoming. We welcome the boost a major federal infrastructure initiative will provide for the nation and for Alaska's struggling economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

Bill Walker
Governor