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David Navecky
STB Finance Docket No. 34658
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Navecky,

The Alaska Railroad Corporation is proposing a Northern Region Expansion to the Ft. Greely/Delta Junction area in Alaska. We support the railroad's efforts to provide additional transportation to the state. Expansion to Delta Junction area will have a positive impact on the farm community located in and around Delta Junction. There are several routes this expansion may take.

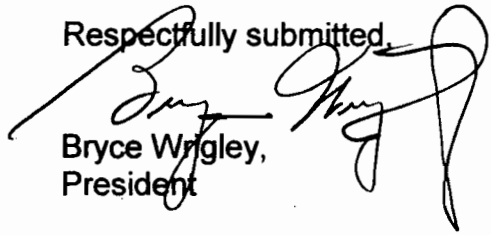
Eielson Alternative Segment 3 would not impact any farms or farmers currently on Eielson Ag Road. This is the only alternative route that does not negatively impact agriculture.

The Alaska Farm Bureau's 2009 Resolution Platform, approved by the voting delegates at our Annual Meeting on November 14, 2008 addresses this: "The Alaska Farm Bureau opposes any action by the Alaska Railroad that would impede agriculture in the Eielson Agricultural Project."

Although Alaska is fortunate to have so much acreage that makes up our state, there are very few farms or farmland statewide. We oppose any route that would dissect, disrupt or negatively impact the farms currently located on Eielson Ag Road.

Therefore, we can only support Eielson Alternative Segment 3. We urge the Transportation Board to consider the positive impacts of a railroad expansion via Eielson Alternative Segment 3.

Respectfully submitted,


Bryce Wrigley,
President