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The Honorable Lyda Green
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Green:

Under the authority of article III, section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill making appropriations for bringing North Slope natural gas to market and other oil and gas issues. This request also includes extending the lapse date of gas pipeline related appropriations made in previous years.

Sections 1-3 of the bill appropriate funding to the Departments of Law, Natural Resources, and Revenue for their necessary gas pipeline and other oil and gas related work.

Section 4 extends the lapse date of appropriations made in prior years that dealt with state gas pipeline issues.

Building the gas pipeline is critical for our future. We need a project that ensures any viable explorer or producer can access a gas pipeline on reasonable terms and we need a project that can be expanded when there is more gas found. Funding these requests in this supplemental bill will provide the foundation necessary to ensure a gas pipeline is constructed on Alaska's terms.

I appreciate your consideration of this supplemental request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Palin".

Sarah Palin
Governor