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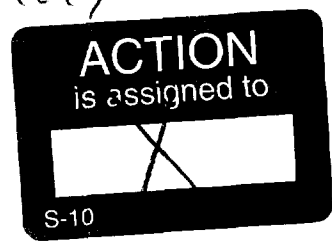
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The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta
Secretary, Department of Transportation
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

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RE: Continuation of Alaska Airlines EAS Service at PETERSBURG, ALASKA

Dear Secretary Mineta,

The City of PETERSBURG strongly supports the continuation of the Essential Air Service program and Alaska Airlines EAS-supported daily jet service to our community.

Alaska Airlines' jet service to our community represents our transportation lifeline to the larger population centers within Alaska and to Seattle, providing the critical movement of substantial volumes of freight and mail in addition to passengers. Lacking a highway system to this area of our state, PETERSBURG is extremely dependent upon regularly scheduled and reliable air transportation in jet aircraft.

In addition, PETERSBURG's main industry is commercial fishing, which is becoming more and more dependent upon regularly scheduled jet service for getting fresh products to market. This is particularly critical as Alaska strives to compete in the world market.

Alaska Airlines has served our community for over 30 years and we strongly urge you to continue the carrier's EAS agreement for the coming term.

Sincerely,

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