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Russell Kirkham
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Anchorage, AK 99501-3577

Submitted via email

Subject: Support Usibelli Coal Mine Wishbone Hill Permit

Dear Mr. Kirkham,

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce supports Usibelli Coal Mine's renewal request for Wishbone Hill mine permits. Interior Alaska has had a long and rich history with the mining industry. It was mining that was the impetus that created Fairbanks and mining continues to be a large contributor to the state's economy. The mining industry has for many years provided good paying jobs to the residents of the Interior.

At a time when Alaska needs economic activity, the Wishbone Hill project provides an opportunity for new, family wage jobs, and economic diversification in the Mat-Su Valley. It is expected that the development could employ around 100 people in an industry with average wages above the median household income of the Borough.

The low-sulfur, bituminous coal in the Wishbone Hill area is a valuable State resource. The Taxes and royalties collected by developing the Wishbone Hill project will help provide new revenue to the State. Usibelli Coal Mine is an Alaskan owned and operated company that has responsibly developed Alaska's coal resources in Healy, Alaska for 76 years.

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce represents over 650 business members throughout Interior Alaska. We work to advocate for the best business

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environment, promote economic strength and growth for interior Alaska, and to develop the resources and networks enterprising people use to share knowledge.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marisa Sharrah".

Marisa Sharrah
President/CEO

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Sabrina Binkley
Board Chair