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*Submitted electronically*

**Subject: Support for Willow Project Alternative B and module Transfer Option 3**

Dear Ms. Jones,

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce supports the updated plans proposed in ConocoPhillips' Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Willow Project. This supplement is an example of how the EIS process can bring forward community concerns and businesses can address them in a solution that creates economic opportunities while minimizing negative impacts. We support allowing this project to move forward as scheduled with Build Alternative B and Transfer Option 3.

At a time when public gatherings are not possible, all organizations are finding new ways to serve their audiences and their missions. BLM has shown a commitment to gathering meaningful feedback from stakeholder communities and other members of the public. They continue to offer letters and email as ways to submit comments, but they have also found new ways to reach relevant audiences through virtual public meetings and broadcasting a presentation on the plans in Inupiat. We applaud BLM for thinking creatively and finding effective ways to serve the intent of the public comment period without unduly halting an already extensive and thoughtful process.

Transfer Option 3 addresses concerns from North Slope communities and provides a path forward which lowers environmental impacts. This option addresses a gravel island's potential impact on marine mammal subsistence activities. It also decreases the amount of gravel and fresh

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Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, TVC Orthopedics & Sportsmedicine  
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Fairbanks Natural Gas  
Flowline Alaska  
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Golden Valley Electric Association  
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JL Properties, Inc.  
Key Bank  
LifeMed Alaska  
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water consumed in construction, while improving year-round access to the region for residents. Local subsistence hunters are increasingly using roads built by oil developments for hunting year-round, and increasing harvest numbers indicate that caribou are not avoiding the infrastructure.

The Oil & Gas industry has demonstrated responsible design, engineering, and development of their projects in a way that minimizes impacts on the environment, wildlife and subsistence activities, and maintains high standards for safety and emergency response activities. ConocoPhillips specifically has an excellent track record and a long history of operating responsibly and working with stakeholders on the North Slope and in the Arctic after 40 years in Alaska service. They are constantly gathering impact data and incorporating improvements into new development plans like Willow.

This \$5 billion dollar project would create more than 2,000 construction jobs and 300 permanent jobs at a time when they are needed. The Fairbanks Chamber supports the development of high-paying jobs for Alaskans in the construction, production, and operations industries. Fairbanks-based organizations are poised to manufacture critical supplies, transport equipment, provide skilled workers, and support this new development. Our region stands ready to work on a project like Willow, which will translate into significant economic opportunities.

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce represents over 650 business members throughout Interior Alaska. We work to advocate for the best business environment, promote economic strength and growth for interior Alaska, and to develop the resources and networks enterprising people use to share knowledge.

Respectfully,

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Marisa Sharrah  
President/CEO

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Sabrina Binkley  
Board Chair