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Honorable Nicholas J. Begich III
US house of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Begich,

I am in receipt of a copy of your March 26, 2026 letter to the Appropriations Committee concerning a request for funding a Barge landing site for the Pacific Spaceport complex.

This idea was first proposed in 2013 and was adamantly opposed at that time because of the potential disruption to our small community. We are all Alaskan pioneers. When this subdivision was created in 1975 it was approved with the understanding that there was no access to the property except by air or water. After several attempts to get funding assistance from either the Kodiak Island Borough or the State of Alaska, a group of us got together and formed the Pasagshak Bridge Association for the purpose of gaining access to our property. It took us three and a half years to get the necessary permits from the federal and state authorities. The bridge was completed in 1993. We pay taxes on the bridge and comply with all the regulations required under the permits.

I have been a long supporter of AADC and the Pacific Spaceport Alaska. It has created Jobs and opportunities for Alaskans. That said, putting an industrial complex next to a salmon stream at the head of Pasagshak Bay as shown in the original drawings is still a bad idea. I think they would be better off to look at developing a landing site on Burton's beach. If they pursue building a facility in our small bay it needs to be a sole use facility for the launch complex fenced and secured for all hazardous cargo.

Having a small boat launch ramp is another bad idea. The wind and the shape of the bay create conditions that can go from peaceful to terrifying in a matter of hours. Additional marine traffic will only cause more conflict with the private property owners and pressure on the fishery.

I hope you can appreciate that those of us that live out here did not build a bridge and house on a beach forty miles out of town to have it turned into an industrial area.

Sincerely yours,

Michael C. Brechan

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