

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President
Members, KPB Assembly

FROM: Kelly Cooper, Assembly Member

DATE: May 7, 2024

SUBJECT: LAYDOWN Amendment to Resolution 2024-020, Requesting that United States Policymakers Allow More Flexibility in Material Procurement for Build America, Buy America Act Infrastructure Projects (Mayor)

[Please note the bold underlined language is new and the strikeout language in brackets is to be deleted.]

➤ Amend Section 1, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Assembly requests that United States policymakers allow more flexibility in material procurement for Build America, Buy America (“BABA”) Act infrastructure projects by:

~~A. IMPLEMENTING A PHASED APPROACH TO GRADUALLY INCREASE DOMESTIC CONTENT REQUIREMENTS WHILE ALLOWING FOR TRANSITION PERIODS AND EXEMPTIONS FOR SPECIALIZED MATERIALS; AND~~

A.~~[B]~~ Offering a broader use of waivers or exceptions in cases where domestically sourced materials are not available, or where using imported materials results in significant cost savings or technical advantages; and

B.~~[C]~~ Providing support for domestic manufacturers to enhance their competitiveness and capacity to meet the demand for American-made materials, in doing so, reducing reliance on imported products over time; and

C.~~[D]~~ Encouraging collaboration between government agencies, industry stakeholders, and research institutions to identify opportunities for innovation and technological advancements that could enhance the competitiveness of domestic manufacturing.

Your consideration is appreciated.