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Mr Assembly President, Assembly Members and Mayor

Thank you for the opportunity to share my comments with you regarding Resolution 20012-038; supporting the Seward Kenai Peninsula Highway Transportation Corridor Safety Initiative

I had the privilege of attending the meeting with US Senator Begich as he brought forward this idea and I applaud him for his efforts. I will ask you to support this resolution, but I'd ask you to consider putting a little more strength and urgency into the message;

In my humble opinion, this is NOT a federal issue, but rather one that should be led by, managed and directed by the State of Alaska. I would suggest that the resolution include language in Section 3 as follows:

"Timely action is defined as immediately. The stakeholders ask that Governor Parnell direct the Alaska Department of Transportation, State Troopers and other interested parties, to create a comprehensive action plan that identifies 1) the specific problem(s), 2) proposed solution(s), 3) the cost and timeframe to implement and 4) an easy to define standard of measurement in order to verify these changes are successful.

Once this comprehensive action plan is created, it would be presented to the 28th legislative session for public hearing, debate, funding and direction to the Administration for implementation"

Thank you for your consideration,

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