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**Object: We support Alaska Air Transit for McGrath EAS**

Hello Mr. Gormas,

Iditarod Trail Roadhouse is the only affordable accommodation and public restaurant in McGrath, Alaska. In the winter we host the Iron Dog checkpoint and Iditarod Sled Dog Race logistics hub. Under new ownership, the roadhouse is committed to developing sustainable tourism in the Upper Kuskokwim: nordic activities, dog mushing, trapping experiences, wilderness education, etc.

We wanted to contact you to express our strong support to Alaska Air Transit for the Essential Air Service in McGrath. AAT is not only essential for local residents and small businesses. AAT is also vital to the economic development of tourism in the Upper Kuskokwim area.

Moreover we believe that there is no business for another airline in McGrath. A second airline has a high probability of failure, as the 2 last ones in recent history (PenAir, Ravn). A second airline could weaken AAT as the only stable airline in the area. As a hospitality and tourism operator, we will continue to support AAT unconditionally even if the McGrath EAS is attributed to another airline company, by offering AAT tickets to our employees, by using AAT for our freight, and by encouraging our guests to fly with AAT.

Certain that the choice of DoT will best serve the interests and the economic development of our rural communities, we thank you for the attention you will bring to this letter of support.

Best regards,

Matthias Feraga, Owner  
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