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**RE: Letter of Support – Ketchikan International Airport Submarine
Electrical Cable Replacement**

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On behalf of the Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce and our business community, I am writing to express our staunch support for the replacement of the submarine electrical cable serving Ketchikan International Airport.

Ketchikan International Airport is a vital transportation hub for Southeast Alaska and serves as a critical lifeline for passenger travel, tourism, freight movement, and emergency medical access.

The existing submarine electrical cable, originally installed in the mid-1970s, is nearing the end of its useful life and has already experienced deterioration and corrosion. Ensuring reliable electrical service to the airport is essential to maintain safe flight operations and protecting the infrastructure that supports regional connectivity and economic activity.

The installation of a new armored submarine cable will provide long-term reliability and help prevent service disruptions that could significantly impact businesses, residents, and visitors. Reliable airport operations are fundamental to Ketchikan's economy, supporting workforce mobility, visitor access, and the timely delivery of goods and services that our community depends upon.

This project represents a prudent and necessary investment in critical infrastructure that will strengthen transportation reliability, support economic stability, and ensure continued access to essential services throughout Southeast Alaska.

The Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce strongly supports this project and respectfully encourages your continued investment in infrastructure that protects and strengthens our regional economy.

Sincerely,

Michelle O'Brien

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Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce

