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**Governor Bill Walker**  
**STATE OF ALASKA**

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Dear State Lawmakers:

As many of you know, I have been involved in some way in the advancement of building an Alaska gasline project since the initial efforts by El Paso Natural Gas in 1976. As part of an organization then called the Organization for the Management of Alaska's Resources, which later became the Resource Development Council, I traveled to California with other Alaskans in 1976 to convince Governor Jerry Brown to support the All Alaska gasline route as the alternative to the line through Canada that President Carter supported. That trip with fellow Alaskans such as Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor Don Gillman established for me that Alaska had an incredible opportunity to commercialize our vast resources of natural gas from the North Slope. The passion I felt on that trip in 1976 remains today.

When I ran for governor, I pledged that upon entering office I would capitalize on the gasline work already underway and not needlessly start over. To that end I have committed to, and have spent the last 10 months working diligently toward, the advancement of the gasline process I inherited as a result of Senate Bill 138. However, at that time I also committed to a thorough review of this process to determine its effectiveness, or to see if there might be any fatal flaws associated with it.

I have now completed that review, while continuing to make a good faith effort to give that process every chance to succeed. Although I have made a few adjustments to the State's team, we have basically stayed the course that was in place when Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott and I were sworn in on December 1, 2014.

It is also important to note that this review comes on the heels of my week long outreach mission to Japan, where I was a keynote speaker at the LNG Producer-Consumer Conference in Tokyo. Attendees and presenters from across the globe come together at this annual LNG conference. While on this trip, I also had individual meetings with the largest LNG buyers in the world. I presented the Alaska opportunity in numerous meetings. I'm very impressed with the response we received both at the conference and in the individual meetings. The market clearly is excited about the Alaska opportunity.

The purpose of the review is to ensure that if any course corrections to the gasline process were necessary, we recognize those changes early on. It is in that spirit that I submit this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

Bill Walker  
Governor