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Governor Michael J. Dunleavy  
STATE OF ALASKA

November 8, 2019

Mr. Bill O'Leary  
Chairman  
Alaska Railroad Corporation Board of Directors  
PO Box 107500  
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Dear Chairman O'Leary:

Governor Dunleavy is pleased to confer the honorary title of Chairman Emeritus of the Alaska Railroad Corporation Board of Directors (Board) to former Governor William Sheffield. Indeed, in recognition of Governor Sheffield's unprecedented dedication and contributions to the railroad over multiple decades, Governor Dunleavy has taken the very unusual step of honoring the former governor by bestowing the title of Chairman Emeritus via an official Executive Decree.

The composition of the Board is defined in Alaska Statute 42.40.020, but does not include any provision for a Chairman Emeritus. Thus, while Governor Dunleavy has bestowed the title of Chairman Emeritus upon Governor Sheffield, this title is honorary and cannot, as a matter of law, provide the Chairman Emeritus any rights, privileges, or authority granted to members of the Board as the current statutes do not allow for that.

Again, it is the Governor's pleasure to bestow this well-deserved recognition on former Governor Sheffield.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MJD", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Michael J. Dunleavy  
Governor