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Alaska Railroad Corporation 327 West Ship Creek Ave. P.O. Box 107500 Anchorage, AK 99510-7500

Dear ARRC Board members,

We are writing to request that you reject the recently-submitted private access lease application for Alaska Railroad Corporation land near Fish Creek. The proposed connection between two very popular multi-use trails has received widespread community support from a broad range of stakeholders including Anchorage's local government, Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS), the Anchorage Park Foundation, and others who have worked for years to complete this critical trail connection.

Completing the Fish Creek Trail from Northern Lights to the Coastal Trail is essential for safe access for pedestrians, bicyclists, and people with disabilities. As state officials, we have worked to appropriate funds for this and other regional trail priorities, such as the connection of Ship Creek and the Coastal Trail. Please continue moving forward to complete these essential trail infrastructure needs and respect the public process that has culminated in these well-planned community-driven projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rep. Alyse Galvin

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