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**Re: Letter of Support for the Arctic Strategic Transportation and Resources (ASTAR) Project –
PEL Triangle Community Road Study**

Dear Mayor Patkotak, DOT&PF Commissioner Anderson, and DNR Commissioner Boyle,

Ukpeaġvik Iñupiat Corporation (UIC) would like to communicate our support for any grant opportunities that contribute to the State of Alaska Arctic Strategic Transportation and Resources (ASTAR) Project. We are in the support of the project pursuing funding from the Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program. This project will connect the cities of Utqiaġvik, Atqasuk, and Wainwright, increasing our access to valuable resources and assistance. This will benefit our communities and the North Slope Borough as a whole.

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