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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,

Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope (ICAS) is in support for any grant opportunities that contribute to the State of Alaska Arctic Strategic Transportation and Resources Project. ICAS supports pursuing funding from the Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program and would be happy to partner as the regional Tribe. This important project will connect the cities of Utqiagvik, Atkasuk, and Wainwright that will enhance the lives of the residents of the Arctic.

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Hebbie Bensson for (nr)

Morrie Lemen, Jr
Executive Director