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The Honorable Tony Knowles,  
Governor of the State of Alaska  
PO Box 110001  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor Knowles,

I am sure you are finding out that the demands by the public on one man are far greater, by multiples, than there is time.

Knowing and understanding this, I hesitate to ask for extra time, or any at all, when we are in Juneau on the 16th of February, representing the Alaska Forum for Environmental Responsibility, (AFER).

But I am asking and hope you will consider the request.

We, of AFER, are not paid lobbyists. We are citizens of Alaska, struggling to be heard.

As you know, 80% of Alaska's income is from oil, and 25% of the nation's production comes from North Slope Crude. On your shoulders rests the enormous responsibility to make sure this oil flow continues, is properly taxed, and that maintenance of this lifeline is at its highest quality.

You, as Governor, must make sure this income is not interrupted, and also that this State doesn't suffer another environmental disaster.

You can only do this by State oversight of the complete TransAlaska Pipeline System. There has never been true oversight of this system. The system is aging, and as I write, we are increasing pressures in the line by added NGL's.

There are many complaints of problems being overlooked or ignored. There is really no State oversight of the lifeline that feeds this State. (We must get away from this unhealthy dependence on one industry.)

You need to hear what we have to say. I think the concerns of AFER are very real and important. Additionally, we can offer solutions for we have many combined years of looking at the problems. We are coming to you as private citizens on our own time and our own tickets. What we are asking for is far less time than flying to the West coast and meeting with the oil industry.

I appreciate the direction you are going, the decisions you are making, and that you recognize the importance of citizen input. Hope to see you when I am Juneau.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stan Stephens". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Stan Stephens