

ATTACHMENT #7

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October 10, 2017

David Epstein, Chair
Members of the Board
Juneau International Airport Board of Directors
City and Borough of Juneau
1873 Shell Simmons Dr., Suite 200
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: North Terminal Renovation

Chair Epstein and Members of the Board,

We write to you today in support of the north terminal renovation. Since this project has funds already available, it could be started very soon and would be a much needed, additional project in this already slow year for construction jobs.

Because of the slowdown in local construction jobs, this project would help keep local families from having to seek work opportunities outside of Alaska. We've already seen some of our members jump ship, and we all know it's increasingly difficult to make it back here after moving south as prices continue to rise. Anchoring our local workforce with another sizeable project like the north terminal renovation would be a huge benefit to our economy, one that would be realized by all and not just the members of our local unions.

An additional benefit is the opportunity to train our future Juneau workforce through our apprenticeship programs. Local workers are the main drivers of any economy. Furthermore, succession planning is more crucial now than ever before as so many of our "Boomer" aged workers are finishing up their careers and taking so much of our institutional knowledge with them when they go.

As far as our airport itself goes, it is a building of two eras living under one roof. Since the completion of the main terminal, the poor state of the north terminal is now more painfully obvious than ever. Additionally, the terminal is outdated for its use today. Practically speaking, the terminal needs to be renovated "yesterday!" Please consider implementation of this project as another way to keep Juneau moving ever forward into the future.

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We thank you for your work on this board, your efforts not only serve our capital city but also the needs of travelers from all over Alaska and beyond.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Hesson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rodney Hesson, President
Juneau Building Trades Council

Cc: Mayor Ken Koelsch
City Assembly
Patty Wahto, Airport Manager