Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Sarah Keller <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Participation in the AIDEA Board Meeting Teleconference Today

Hi Sherrie,

Is it still possible to participate today? I just heard about it. I would like to provide comments.

Please let me know.

Thanks,

Sarah Keller

Fairbanks

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Kristen Mrozowski <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: Public Testimony

I would like to testify on G20-11.

Thank you!

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 1:11 PM Kristen Mrozowski <[redacted]> wrote:

> Hello,
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> I would like to be added to the sign in sheet to give public testimony today!
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> Thank you,
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> Kristen Mrozowski
> [redacted]
> [redacted]
> [redacted]Homer, AK 99603

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Kristen Mrozowski
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]Homer, AK 99603

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Ty r [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Meeting comment

My name is Ty Rilleau and I wish to make a comment on today's meeting.
Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: John [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:26 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] comments on aidea resolution 20-11

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John Strasenburgh
[redacted]
Talkeetna, AK 99676
[redacted]

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Dedicating these funds to Ambler is not in the public interest; saving lives is. Please do not authorize this transfer; vote NO on Resolution G-20-11.

John Strasenburgh
[redacted]
Talkeetna, AK 99676
[redacted]
[redacted]

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Richard Steiner <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] public comment to your meeting today

Ms. Siverson,

Given the end-around that your Board pulled on public comment today, I am submitting mine here, and would appreciate these being entered for the record...**Please Confirm.** I think the way the clumsy way the hering was help is indicative of the subversion of public process intended.

In disappointment,

Rick Steiner, Professor
Anchorage, AK

I am a former professor with University of Alaska, stationed in northwest Alaska in the 1980s....I worked in all communities along Kobuk that would be negatively impacted by the proposed mining road. The proposed Ambler Road is a spectacularly bad idea, and makes no sense from an economic, social, cultural, or environmental perspective. It is a blatant corporate welfare proposal, and in any rational world, it would have been Dead On Arrival.

Clearly, you should **vote no** on the proposed funding today once and for all. But my main point today is this:

It is absolutely unconscionable that AIDEA would even consider these project in the midst of this unprecedented COVID pandemic. Indeed, it is unbelievable and outrageous. In such times like these, we see both the best and worst of humanity. This AIDEA process (which is likely illegal) is some of the worst, and with respect, you should be ashamed of yourselves.

Alaskans are rightfully focused now on our health, and that of our families, communities, our state, nation, and world. We need our government on our side, supporting **all** Alaskans, not fracturing and undermining out democracy by sneaking in funding for controversial industrial projects that otherwise would not stand the light of reason.

For AIDEA now to propose circumventing public process in this way is simply unpatriotic, mean-spirited, undemocratic, and flat-out wrong. This is an embarrassment to our state. Those proposing this are evidently more committed to their own selfish agendas than the public interest.

That AIDEA would even consider this today is pouring salt in the wounds of our society that is already reeling from the pandemic, and frankly AIDEA should be ashamed of itself for considering this today.

In conclusion, the only reasonable recourse for you today is either:

1. Vote this funding down once and for all.

2. Strike this item from your agenda at this time.

Thank you...

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Rick Steiner
Oasis Earth
Anchorage, Alaska
[redacted]

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Bob Shavelson <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:43 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Ambler Road

I'm writing on behalf of the more than 8500 Alaskan members and supporters of Cook Inletkeeper to say we are appalled at AIDEA's effort to use the coronavirus pandemic as cover for illegal efforts to fund the Ambler Road.

And President Pruh's mic drop yesterday was especially disgusting for a public official.

Alaskans are distracted right now, but they won;t be for long.

Bob Shavelson

Cook Inletkeeper
[redacted]
Homer, AK 99603
[redacted]

Love Cook Inlet? Make an extra gift to Cook Inletkeeper when you PICK.CLICK.GIVE. Or donate online. Together we can protect Alaska's Cook Inlet watershed.

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Rachael Gaedeke <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:47 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] Testimony today

Where is your agenda for today for me to see?

Rachael

> On Mar 27, 2020, at 11:05 AM, Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]> wrote:
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Rachael Gaedeke <[redacted]>
> Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:03 AM
> To: Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]>
> Subject: [External Outside Email] Testimony today
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> Please put me on the list to testify today. I'm hoping Mr. Pruhs gives a shit today.
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> Sincerely,
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> Rachael Gaedeke
> Anchorage, AK
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Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Lois Epstein <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] I would like to give the rest of my testimony on Ambler, G20-11 - it's short and I didn't speak for 2 minutes on G20-08

Thanks, Sherrie.

Lois Epstein, P.E.
Engineer & Arctic Program Director
Anchorage, Alaska
The Wilderness Society | The Wilderness Society Action Fund
[redacted]

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From: Phillip Moser <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:49 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] testimony

My name is Phillip Moser, from Juneau alaska, 99801, I would like to testify on G20-08

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Luc Mehl <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] AIDEA Proposed Road to Ambler testimony

Thank you. I hope you are holding up! This is a mess.

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From: Luc Mehl <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] AIDEA Proposed Road to Ambler testimony

Hello Sherrie-

I would like to make the following testimony during today's public meeting.

Thank you.

Hello, my name is Luc Mehl, I live in Anchorage.

I work as an environmental data scientist but this comment is on my own behalf.

There are many issues with the proposed road to Ambler including lack of public or local support, unresolved issues regarding the public/private road classification, and inappropriate use of funds without a clear benefit to Alaskans.

I am most qualified to evaluate the environmental assessment, which I deem inadequate. The east-west proposed alternatives (A and B) cut through a single ecologic zone which will have significant impact on all species within that zone and those species crossing through that zone (e.g., caribou and fish migration). These environmental impacts are not sufficiently discussed in the proposals. Alternative C would help distribute the impact over multiple ecologic zones, but at twice the length and expense of the other proposals, C is not viable.

Thank you for your time,
Luc Mehl

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: John <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:53 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] comments on aidea resolution 20-11

Thanks Sherrie... this is so confusing. I just jumped in with a modified version. If you can would you still share my written testimony with the Board, I would appreciate it. John

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To: John
Subject: Re: [External Outside Email] comments on aidea resolution 20-11

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Sherrie M. Siverson

From: marci johnson <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:53 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Comment on $35M to "Ambler Road"

I was on the phone yesterday when Mr. Pruhs abruptly closed public comment stating he doesn't "give a $%&#" and am not going to be able to get a testimony in today before I have to return to work, so I would appreciate the opportunity to send a brief comment by email. I am strongly opposed to having funds that are designated for pandemic relief to be diverted away from impacted small businesses. An emergency meeting for a 3-day process is inappropriate for a project that started many years ago, particularly for a road that is not supported by its adjacent communities. I sincerely hope the comments by Alaskans in opposition are genuinely being considered.

Marci Johnson (former 8-year resident/federal employee in Kotzebue, current resident of Juneau)

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Nicole Schmitt <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] RE: [External Outside Email] AIDEA Public Comment 3/26

Hi Sherrie,

Are you not going to read through the roster of names to comment? This is really disappointing for all of us who emailed ahead of time, worked through the process you outlined but flipped at the last minute. If the public comment closes before we are able to comment will you allow e-testimonies?

Please make an announcement on the call as to how you plan to deal with this.

Kindly,

Nicole Schmitt

Executive Director
[redacted]

ALASKA WILDLIFE ALLIANCE

From: Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 10:23 AM
To: Nicole Schmitt <[redacted]>
Subject: RE: [External Outside Email] AIDEA Public Comment 3/26

Thank you. I will add your name to the list for today's board meeting. When Public comments begin, I will call on those who wish to make comments by name. Sherrie

From: Nicole Schmitt <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]>
Subject: [External Outside Email] AIDEA Public Comment 3/26

Hello Ms. Siverson,

Thank you for managing the call yesterday. My name is recorded correctly, Nicole Schmitt, and my affiliation is Alaska Wildlife Alliance.

I would also like to add my name to today's public testimony.

Many thanks, and hoping you are well.

Kindly,

Nicole Schmitt

Executive Director

[redacted]

ALASKA WILDLIFE ALLIANCE

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Zoe Fuller [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:00 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Testifying in opposition to funding Ambler Rd

Hi Sherrie,

I would like to provide commentary opposing the funding the ambler road today. I had much trouble getting on the call, but am now.

Thank you,
Zoe Fuller

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Lee Hart <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:03 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] public testimony

thank you. I just got through.
thank you.
lee

Lee Hart
Founder, Alaska Outdoor Alliance
Confluence • Juneau Outdoor Week
[redacted]
Anchorage AK 99501
[redacted]
#socialdistancing #adventureresponsibly #flattenthecurve

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 1:49 PM Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]> wrote:

Your email has been received and I put your name on the list for public testimony. Thank you Sherrie

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From: Lee Hart <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] public testimony

I've been trying to get through on the conference call line referenced on the agenda. All circuits are busy so here is a summary of my comments.

1) My names is Lee Hart, I'm an Alaska resident living in Juneau.
2) My comments have nothing to do with the details of the Ambler Road project itself.
3) I'm told AIDEA is the agency to turn to for "access to capital." I work in the outdoor recreation industry which accounts for 1 in 10 jobs in Alaska. Most of our companies are small businesses well under 500 employees and many are family run, independent businesses who are in desperate need for access to capital right now as businesses are closed due to public health mandates and the tourism industry has the rug pulled out from under it.
4) I can't imagine any coronavirus impacts to a road that isn't even approved or built yet that exceed the need of Alaska's many small businesses, including my own, to access capital to stay afloat as we weather the impacts of the coronavirus crisis.
5) If we're going to invest $35 million into something, invest it into our people who need it now. Let's have a more measured conversation about how best to invest $35 million for the greatest good. Anything less, is not

just tone deaf but literally deaf and blind to the realities of what is going on at this very moment across our state.

I hope my comments are accepted for the record.
Thank you.
Lee

Lee Hart
Founder, Alaska Outdoor Alliance
Juneau Alaska
[redacted]
Practicing maximum enthusiasm every day

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Brie Van Dam <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:05 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] AIDEA board meeting public comment

Hi,
I would like to provide public comment at today's board meeting. Would you please add me to the sign in sheet? My name is Brie Van Dam, I live in Fairbanks, my phone number[redacted]

Thank you,
Brie

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Susan Georgette <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:11 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: FW: [External Outside Email] Request to make public comment at March 27 AIDEA board meeting

Sherrie,
Are you going to call our names or do we just need to jump in to testify? This is very confusing and unorganized.

Susan

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 7:52 AM Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]> wrote:

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From: Susan Georgette <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:19 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]>
Subject: [External Outside Email] Request to make public comment at March 27 AIDEA board meeting

Sherrie,

As you requested, I am sending this email to request the opportunity to make a public comment at the March 27 board meeting. Here is my contact information:

- Susan Georgette
- Representing myself, a 30+ year resident of Kotzebue, Alaska

Thank you!

Susan Georgette

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Juliette Boselli <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Testimony

Thanks for recording this comment,
Just want to voice my opposition to transferring 35 million dollars to the Arctic Industrial Dev Fund for the Ambler Road Project. As a business owner I'm appalled that we would siphon that kind of money from state coffers to fund an unpopular and flawed road when Alaskans are struggling to survive this pandemic.
Juliette Boselli
Denali Park

Sent from my iPhone

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Christin Swearingen <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:23 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] Comment

Hello,
Could you please forward my comment to AIDEA?

I oppose providing $35 million to the fieldwork, design, and permitting of the Ambler Road. That money should be spent on Alaskan businesses, and families who currently need it.
I am a biologist and have a master's degree in Natural Resources from UAF. If Ambler Road is built, irreparable harm will be done to the fragile tundra, including habitat near and inside Gates of the Arctic National Park. I am especially concerned about harmful impacts to the Western Arctic caribou herd.
From what I've heard on the call and from what I've read, communities in the region that would be affected are opposed to the proposed road. You are disregarding public process and community needs for private industry profits.
State and Federal review processes for major infrastructure projects should be halted during this pandemic.
Thank you,
Christin Swearingen
Anchorage AK

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020, 11:29 AM Christin Swearingen <[redacted]> wrote:
Great, thanks!

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:11 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]>
Subject: [External Outside Email] Comment

Hello,

I would like to testify at the meeting on Ambler road at 1:00 today. Could you please add me to the list?
Thanks.

Christin

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Jim Magdanz <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Public Testimony

Sherry,

I WAS able to to make a public comment during Friday's AIDEA Board meeting. For the record, below are my speaking notes, which I followed fairly closely.

I know you did the best you could in real time, but this meeting was spectacularly unsuccessful at accommodating public comments. That alone should be an indication that AIDEA's process was inadequate.

Thanks! Jim

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My name is JIM MAGDANZ. I lived in Northwest Alaska — in Shungnak, Nome, and Kotzebue — for more than 30 years. I spent most of my professional life in public service. I am retired now, and studying natural resources at UAF. I am speaking today for myself.

For the record, I OPPOSE resolution G20-11

There are many good reasons for AIDEA to be concerned about the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. But Resolution G20-11 is not about helping the businesses and workers who are being hurt by this pandemic.

Given the circumstances, adopting Resolution G20-8 and G20-11, in combination, would make it appear that AIDEA is using the COVID-19 pandemic as cover to write itself a blank check to advance one of Alaska's most controversial infrastructure proposals. That's not a good look.

Last September, at the first public hearing for the Ambler Road Draft EIS, your spokesperson, Karsten Rodvik, told the Anchorage Daily News that AIDEA would NOT help pay for the Ambler Road without a commitment from mining companies that they will repay the costs. If not a single mining company has committed, then why does AIDEA SUDDENLY need access to $35 million dollars of public funds?

This action is completely inconsistent with AIDEA's previous messaging – namely that industry will foot the bill. If that is no longer true – if in fact Alaska taxpayers will be footing the bill for this road on top of every other terrible economic need that Alaska faces today – then AIDEA should be transparent about that.

In 30 years of public service, I have never seen a public body in Alaska – save perhaps the Legislature itself – attempt to allocate such a large sum of public money with such little notice. This is not how the public's business should be done. This is not when this particular piece of public business – funding Ambler Road development – should be done.

I urge each of you to vote NO on Resolution G20-11. Thank You.

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Nancy Wainwright [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:29 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Please forward to entire AIDEA Board

Sherrie,

Mr. Pruhs and Mr. Boutin previously refused my previous respectful request to allow the public to have an agenda item to allow the public to address the AIDEA Board on the Ambler Road (according to your prior email.) As you can see, there is significant public interest in this issue – which AIDEA has refused to hear. The public cannot even contact the AIDEA Board members individually, according to you.

Now Chairman Pruhs has changed the public's ability to testify twice in today's (3/27) meeting: first limiting it to a specific item, then limiting to 2 minutes; then again changing the rules to open it up to all comments. Consequently, I was not allowed to provide my comment on the Ambler Road issue, and confined my remarks, as requested to G20-08.

First The Board violated the Opens Meetings Act AS AS 44.62.310.
Gov Dunleavy's guidance on special meeting states: "Special meetings should be held rarely and only to address time sensitive issues." COVID-19 is certainly time-sensitive, but there is nothing time-sensitive about the $35 million funding proposed for the Ambler Road Resolution G20-11. It is unlawful to address that in a special meeting.

Second, The Board violated its own regulations at 3 AAC 99.920 and bylaws Article II §2 by failing to give 5 days notice of the subject of its meetings. Nothing in the AIDEA online notice issued only 3 days ago indicates the subject of this meeting.

Third, yesterday the Board violated the Open Meetings Law Thursday 3/26 by improperly going into Executive Session without first identifying the specific bases that necessitated Executive Session within the 4 parameters of the Open Meetings Act exceptions - for each topic discussed in Executive Session. There may have been a valid basis due to the COVID-19 emergency – but the Ambler Road is not a COVID-19 emergency.

Fourth, the sleight of hand in the revised Resolution G20-11 which was changed at the last minute, again with no public notice, does not cure the fact that AIDEA is running afoul of the Alaska Legislature's authority to make decisions about how state funds will be allocated. As the legal analysis in testimony Thursday cogently outlined, this violates the Alaska Constitution and the Executive Budget Act.

The AIDEA Board is respectfully requested to withdraw G20-11 and explain to the public why, in this time of COVID-19, that money is not being put into, AIDEA's Small Business Economic Development Fund to aid individuals and small businesses around the state.

AIDEA has funneled money for the Ambler Road through its Economic Development Account and through the Enterprise Development Account (in the **Revolving Fund**) and now proposes to funnel $35 million for Ambler is the Arctic Infrastructure Development Fund (the **Nonmajor Fund**). I ask the AIDEA Board members examine the AIDEA 2019 *Financial Statement p. 28* describing these funds, and then and please explain to the public what is going on with the helter-skelter movement of money for the Ambler Road between these 3 funds –none of which has been approved by the Legislature for the Ambler Road funding.

Six years ago, the AIDEA meeting minutes for 4/14/2014 AIDEA Board Chair Mr. Pruhs asked if a budget had been prepared for the Ambler Road. The staff responded "there is a budget" and "believes it is approximately $42

million." The staff committed that the budget "would be provided." That has never been provided despite requests over the past six years. The $35 million in G20-11 added to the $17 million AIDEA already spent (according to its website as of 3/4/2020) curiously, adds up to $42 million with no public AIDEA Board review.

It is requested that AIDEA provide a transparent public budget for the AMDIAR, with adequate public notice, and allow the public to testify at a regularly scheduled agenda once that budget is provided, before approving any further AMDIAR funding.

Thank you,

Nancy Wainwright

Wainwright Legal Services, LLC
[redacted]
Anchorage, Alaska 99508
[redacted]
[redacted]

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:31 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: public testimony
Attachments: Outdoors Means Business.jpg; Outdoors Means Business BACK.jpg

Thanks for allowing me to be heard.
I've amended my comments to include the other data about the outdoor recreation industry.
See the attached sheets from our recent - pre-coronavirus - legislative flyin which provide a great summary about our sector.
Thanks again!
Lee

Lee Hart
Founder, Alaska Outdoor Alliance
Confluence • Juneau Outdoor Week
[redacted]
Anchorage AK 99501
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4) I can't imagine any coronavirus impacts to a road that isn't even approved or built yet that exceed the need of Alaska's many small businesses, including my own, to access capital to stay afloat as we weather the impacts of the coronavirus crisis.
5) If we're going to invest $35 million into something, invest it into our people who need it now. Let's have a more measured conversation about how best to invest $35 million for the greatest good. Anything less, is not just tone deaf but literally deaf and blind to the realities of what is going on at this very moment across our state.

I hope my comments are accepted for the record.
Thank you.
Lee

Lee Hart

Founder, Alaska Outdoor Alliance
Juneau Alaska
[redacted]
Practicing maximum enthusiasm every day

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Brenda Applegate
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:31 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson; Karsten Rodvik
Cc: Tomas Boutin; Mark Davis
Subject: Fwd: [External Outside Email] Opposition to G20-11

In case you are tracking these.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** David Carel <[redacted]>
> **Date:** March 27, 2020 at 2:28:23 PM AKDT
> **To:** Tomas Boutin <[redacted]>, Brenda Applegate <[redacted]>, Mark Davis <[redacted]>
> **Subject: [External Outside Email] Opposition to G20-11**
>
> Dear Mr. Boutin,
>
> Since I didn't have an opportunity to comment on the teleconference, I am writing to share my opposition to transferring $35 million to the Arctic Industrial Development Fund for the proposed Ambler road.
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> This move at time a time of both local and global emergency not only is misguided -- prioritizing funding a highly controversial development project over the immediate, urgent economic well-being of all of our state's citizens -- but also loses the trust of citizens.
>
> Please do not go ahead with G20-11. It a complete violation of our trust at a time of crisis and redirects money that is urgently needed for immediate economic support.
>
> Many thanks for your time
> David Carel
> Fairbanks, AK

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Kristen Mrozowski <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] Re: Public Testimony

Thank you, Sherrie. I did just speak. Here is a transcript of my comments on G20-11:

My name is Kristen Mrozowski. I live in Anchorage, AK. I am a student at UAA studying to work in healthcare. I would like to start by re-stating the words of a previous speaker who said that a group of 30 recognized tribes along the river that would be impacted by Ambler Road Project unanimously oppose it.

I understand that we are in a global health crisis that has the potential to personally devastate every single person on this call if not handled properly and immediately, including the AIDEA board.

I do not understand why you would try to plan an infrastructure project in the midst of this GLOBAL uncertainty and gravity. This does not even make good business sense.

This is not an appropriate public process. I do not believe the public will allow this. Thank you.

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 1:51 PM Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]> wrote:

Your email has been received and I put your name on the list for public testimony. Thank you Sherrie

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From: Kristen Mrozowski <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: Public Testimony

I would like to testify on G20-11.

Thank you!

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 1:11 PM Kristen Mrozowski <[redacted]> wrote:
Hello,

I would like to be added to the sign in sheet to give public testimony today!

Thank you,

Kristen Mrozowski
[redacted]
[redacted] Homer, AK 99603

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Kristen Mrozowski
[redacted]
[redacted]Homer, AK 99603

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Kristen Mrozowski
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Homer, AK 99603

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: David Carel <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:33 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Opposition to G20-11

Dear Sherrie,

Since I didn't have an opportunity to comment on the teleconference, I am writing to share my opposition to transferring $35 million to the Arctic Industrial Development Fund for the proposed Ambler road.

This move at time a time of both local and global emergency not only is misguided -- prioritizing funding a highly controversial development project over the immediate, urgent economic well-being of all of our state's citizens -- but also loses the trust of citizens.

Please do not go ahead with G20-11. It a complete violation of our trust at a time of crisis and redirects money that is urgently needed for immediate economic support.

Many thanks for your time
David Carel
Fairbanks, AK

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Ty r <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] Meeting comment

Hello, Sherrie. I am submitting my comments via email. My name is Ty Rilleau I am an Alaskan resident and live in Fairbanks. I am opposed to providing $35 million to the Arctic Industrial Development Fund to pay for fieldwork, design, and permitting of the Ambler Road. That money should be spent on Alaskan businesses and families who currently need it.
Thank you for your time.

On Mar 27, 2020, at 13:51, Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]> wrote:

Your email has been received and I put your name on the list for public testimony. Thank you
Sherrie

From: Ty r <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Meeting comment

My name is Ty Rilleau and I wish to make a comment on today's meeting.
Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Nicole Schmitt <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] RE: [External Outside Email] RE: [External Outside Email] AIDEA Public Comment 3/26

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Alaska Wildlife Alliance is opposed to G20-08 because the conditions of this proposal are far too broad and ambiguous. Jomo Stewart referenced that the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation requested support that *might* be included in this proposal, but there is no way to know the bounds of this resolution as written. Unlike Mr. Stewart, we **do not** give AIDEA the benefit of the doubt, especially given the abrupt changes AIDEA has made to agendas, public testimony time, edits to resolutions themselves, and emergency meetings called in too short a time for meaningful public participation.

We also oppose G20-11 in an echo of testimony given yesterday and the near *unanimous* testimony given today in opposition to this resolution. Our opposition is outlined as follows:

- Problem with process:
    - These emergency meetings were called too late and managed in too disorganized a manner, which limits meaningful public participation. Additionally, Chairman Pruhs treatment of the public yesterday, in anger towards AIDEA's own technological limitations, was completely uncalled for, unprofessional, and discouraging to participation in this process. Clearly, the Board does not have the technological capacity to handle a tele-meeting to comprehensively discuss proposals with this many dollars and local stakeholders on the line.
    - The Board cannot in good faith vote on resolutions in this agenda when public comment has been cut short both yesterday and today.

- Problem with resolution itself:
    - The FEIS was released yesterday and it verified numerous impacts to wildlife and livelihoods. This is a rushed financial transfer that does not allow small business owners or residents in communities most affected by the project to meaningfully participate in the process. Specifically to speak to FEIS findings that:
        - All action alternatives would result in impacts to vegetation; wetlands; and fish, birds, and mammal habitat. Wetland and vegetation habitat, road dust, noise, movement, and light or shading, and potentially spills of pollutants from truck traffic. Fragment wildlife habitat. Caribou migration patterns and movements of other wildlife could be affected by the presence of a road and road noise. (Page 27)
        - " All action alternatives may significantly restrict subsistence uses for the communities of Alatna, Allakaket, Ambler, Anaktuvuk Pass, Kiana, Kobuk, Selawik, and Shungnak. In addition, Alternatives A and B may significantly restrict subsistence uses for the communities of Bettles, Buckland, Coldfoot, Evansville, Kotzebue, Noatak, Noorvik, and Wiseman." (Page 29)

We are opposed to providing $35 million to the Arctic Industrial Development Fund to pay for fieldwork, design, and permitting of the Ambler Road. That money should be spent on Alaskan businesses and families who currently need it. Ambler Road, and the multinational corporation interests it serves, does not need this aid. The total cost of building, operating, and maintaining this project is expected to be between $844.0 and $906 million. If the mines go bankrupt, the state will be on the hook and shortcutting the process to pour $35 million more into this risky project is tone deaf to the economic crisis we face. This road is risky investment in any economic situation,

exacerbated by the fact that mining stocks are plummeting *and* we have thousands of small and medium sized business owners who really need this aid.

Finally, in addition to advocating against this transfer of funds to Ambler, I also encourage that state and federal review processes for major infrastructure projects, such as this, be halted. This is an unprecedented time in our history, when people are rightfully concerned about their families' health and other uncertainties caused by the pandemic. This is not the time to move forward with a project as precarious as this one, especially in such a rushed process with limited ability for the public to participate.

Please confirm that this testimony is submitted on record.

Sincerely,

Nicole Schmitt

Executive Director

[redacted]

ALASKA WILDLIFE ALLIANCE

From: Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:02 PM
To: Nicole Schmitt <[redacted]
Subject: Re: [External Outside Email] RE: [External Outside Email] AIDEA Public Comment 3/26

My apologies. Things are not going as smoothly as we had hoped. Of course we would really appreciate your testimony via email. I compiling the comments I receive to share with all of the board members. Thank you. Sherrie

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From: Nicole Schmitt <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:55 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] RE: [External Outside Email] AIDEA Public Comment 3/26

Hi Sherrie,

Are you not going to read through the roster of names to comment? This is really disappointing for all of us who emailed ahead of time, worked through the process you outlined but flipped at the last minute. If the public comment closes before we are able to comment will you allow e-testimonies?

Please make an announcement on the call as to how you plan to deal with this.

Kindly,

Nicole Schmitt

Executive Director
[redacted]

ALASKA WILDLIFE ALLIANCE

From: Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 10:23 AM
To: Nicole Schmitt <[redacted]>
Subject: RE: [External Outside Email] AIDEA Public Comment 3/26

Thank you. I will add your name to the list for today's board meeting. When Public comments begin, I will call on those who wish to make comments by name. Sherrie

From: Nicole Schmitt <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]>
Subject: [External Outside Email] AIDEA Public Comment 3/26

Hello Ms. Siverson,

Thank you for managing the call yesterday. My name is recorded correctly, Nicole Schmitt, and my affiliation is Alaska Wildlife Alliance.

I would also like to add my name to today's public testimony.

Many thanks, and hoping you are well.

Kindly,

Nicole Schmitt

Executive Director

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

ALASKA WILDLIFE ALLIANCE

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Kathy O <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Public Comment on G20-11 Please TABLE the vote on this Resolution until AFTER the Covid Pandemic

I was not able to provide testimony, as the Chair cut off testimony prior to the completion of hearing all those who called in to testify. I am emailing this comment, even though the Board will not be able to read it prior their vote today.

I object to the fact that comments were cut off early, when Resolution G20-11 Is still on the agenda for a vote TODAY. I urge you to TABLE

This is Kathleen O'Reilly-Doyle.
I am a resident of Anchorage. I have lived in Tok and Kotzebue as well.

Thousands of our fellow Alaskans are and will be suffering economic implosion, as the result of the World Pandemic. They have lost their income, closed their businesses, laid off employees and are wondering how they will be able to move forward. They will need a great deal of financial assistance from our State.

Everyday we read in the news about the draconian methods the state is taking to balance our budget, like reducing ferry service to isolated communities, informing senior citizens of astronomical rate hikes in their assisted living and closing our universities.

I would ask you to vote no on transferring $35 million to this project and instead make the funds available to small businesses throughout Alaska, the ones we have in our neighborhoods who provide us with our goods and services.

This is not the right time to be funding a project such the Ambler Road Project when the funds could be better spent supporting our residents and our medical community in addressing a statewide response to the pandemic.

Alaskans have always looked out for each other. This is not only the RIGHT way to proceed, it is the only humanitarian way to go.

I urge you to Vote NO on G20-11. Thank you for your time.

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Luc Mehl <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:36 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] AIDEA Proposed Road to Ambler testimony

Hi Sherrie-

Here is what I would have liked to say today. It is different from what I wrote initially (earlier email).

Thank you!

I urge the AIDEA board to vote no on G20-11, the proposed transfer of $35 million dollars that could be used to fund the proposed road to Ambler.

There has never been public support for using public funding for the road to Alaska. The public rejected using public funding for the road to Ambler when it was proposed by DOT in 2010(?), before transferring the project to AIDEA.

Please do not use a rushed loophole to publicly fund development that the public does not support.

Luc Mehl
Anchorage, Alaska
(resident)

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 1:50 PM Luc Mehl <[redacted]> wrote:
Thank you. I hope you are holding up! This is a mess.

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 1:47 PM Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]> wrote:

Your email has been received and I put your name on the list for public testimony. Thank you Sherrie

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From: Luc Mehl <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] AIDEA Proposed Road to Ambler testimony

Hello Sherrie-

I would like to make the following testimony during today's public meeting.

Thank you.

Hello, my name is Luc Mehl, I live in Anchorage.

I work as an environmental data scientist but this comment is on my own behalf.

There are many issues with the proposed road to Ambler including lack of public or local support, unresolved issues regarding the public/private road classification, and inappropriate use of funds without a clear benefit to Alaskans.

I am most qualified to evaluate the environmental assessment, which I deem inadequate. The east-west proposed alternatives (A and B) cut through a single ecologic zone which will have significant impact on all species within that zone and those species crossing through that zone (e.g., caribou and fish migration). These environmental impacts are not sufficiently discussed in the proposals. Alternative C would help distribute the impact over multiple ecologic zones, but at twice the length and expense of the other proposals, C is not viable.

Thank you for your time,
Luc Mehl

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Deven Barnett <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:37 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] Friday Public Ccomment

My comment:

My name is Deven Barnett, I am an Alaska Resident from Fairbanks and I have no specific affiliation. I appose G20-11, and the moving of funds to be available to develop the Ambler Road Mining project. What I want to say, with and beyond what has been said, is to give you permission and support in making new decisions. I can understand why you may be supporting this resolution, and I know it might feel like a risk to do something different, but I support you in that change. I support you in considering the higher value of the land than we have previously validated and the higher value of communities than we may have previously been valuing. Also, there are issues and insufficiencies in the ways that the state collects revenue from mining and oil development, and I just care so much about the land, the animals and the people, and I give you the courage to step away from the ways we have been making decisions for decades and move toward something more holistic. This will take time. Give yourself time to make big decisions - that is how we take care of ourselves, each other, our land and move forward toward a better future where Alaska really recognizes the great value of its resources. I give you permission to change the way we have been doing things for the last decades, and I would really like us to shift towards validating the great, great value of our natural resources: land, people, and communities. Thank you.

Deven Barnett

Deven Barnett
Owner and Provider
Proper Place Organizing Services
Improving spaces and the ways in which you live and work within them.
Fairbanks, Alaska
[redacted]

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 1:48 PM Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]> wrote:

Your email has been received and I put your name on the list for public testimony. Thank you Sherrie

From: Deven Barnett <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:05 PM

To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Friday Public Ccomment

Deven Barnett

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:47 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Ambler Road $35 million

After listening to today's testimony from Nashville, TN where I have been deployed from my home in Fairbanks to support FEMA emergency declarations, I strongly urge you to not approve the transfer of funds to support Ambler Road but to be prudent in preparing for the immediate pandemic needs.

Sincerely,
Barry Whitehill
[redacted]
Fairbanks, AK 99712
[redacted]

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Karsten Rodvik
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: Fwd: [External Outside Email] Testimony to AIDEA today

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: MA Nickles <[redacted]>
Date: March 27, 2020 at 12:56:46 PM AKDT
To: Karsten Rodvik <[redacted]>, Ambler Project <[redacted]>
Subject: [External Outside Email] Testimony to AIDEA today

My name is Mary Ann Nickles. I have lived in Fairbanks since 1958. I am opposed to providing $35 million to the Arctic Industrial Development Fund to pay for fieldwork, design, and permitting of the Ambler Road. Kotzebue is much closer than the Dalton Highway. I think that climate change would make the west coast a better option. Communities in the region are opposed to the proposed road. The global health crisis should not be seen as an opportunity to disregard public process or communities' needs for private industry profits. This is not the time to move forward with unwanted projects in near secrecy, when public input is curtailed by measures taken to slow the pandemic.
State and federal review processes for major infrastructure projects should be halted during this unprecedented time in our history, when people are rightfully concerned about their families' health and other uncertainties.

Mary Ann Nickles
[redacted]
Fairbanks, AK 999701-4475

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: patricia garrett <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:55 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] The wrong time and way to fund Ambler Road

Is anyone listening?
My grandchildren and my great grandson will be the ones hurt.
Local people say no.

Patt Garrett, LCSW
[redacted]

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: robert vernon <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Ambler road

AIDEA,
What is your mission?
To provide infrastructure and loans to poorly capitalized foreign businesses that will wreak environmental havoc in areas where the project enjoys no popular support among the locals and will end up costing the state millions?
This smacks of the Buccaneer drill rig debacle.
Why don't you help Alaskans instead of being a corporate welfare teat ?
I am disgusted with the way you function, Robert Vernon

Sent from my iPhone

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Bruce Lee <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] ambler road Resolution No. G20-11

I strongly oppose the resolution No. G20-11 or any others that would use any public funds from any source to build or explore the building of the "Ambler road".

reasons are;

1) during this time of a major health concerns with the Corona virus state funds should be spent on supporting existing infrastructure and dealing with the health needs of the states people.
It would be near criminal to spend money on anything to do with building the Ambler road during this nation wide concern.

2) With oil prices at a low level we will have a hard time funding existing state government operations. This is not the time to spend money on a project that isn't needed and if it was an economically reasonable project it would be funded by private enterprise.
The State of Alaska can not afford this at this time.

3) Voting on this and having meetings at this critical time with a health concern state wide is a misuses of the public process and the public trust. Have you no self respect for the public trust and the values Alaskan people have regarding taking care of our people in this critical time?

Bruce Lee
[redacted]
Denali Park, Alaska

[redacted]

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Lois Epstein <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] My comments on G20-11 that I was unable to state orally before the board today
Attachments: aideatest220.docx

Sherrie - Thanks for providing these comments to the board ASAP.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Best,
Lois Epstein

Lois Epstein, P.E.
Engineer & Arctic Program Director
Anchorage, Alaska
The Wilderness Society | The Wilderness Society Action Fund
[redacted]

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Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Brie Van Dam <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Opposition to Resolution No. G20-11

To the AIDEA Board members:
I was on the phone today during the board meeting and did not have the opportunity to provide public comment. I am concerned that the timeline of the meetings and the timeline during the meetings did not allow for meaningful public engagement.

My name is Brie Van Dam, I live in Fairbanks, Alaska, where I am a small business owner and professional scientist. I would like to express my opposition to Resolution No. G20-11 Approving a Transfer of Funds to the Arctic Infrastructure Development Fund. I urge the board members to vote no on this resolution. We are in an unprecedented public health and economic crisis, and now is the time that AIDEA, and all of us, should focus on the health and security of the people of Alaska, and support small local businesses. It is not the time to secure public funds for a short-sighted and controversial project like the Ambler Road.

Please vote no on Resolution No. G20-11.

Thank you,
Brie Van Dam, PhD.

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Nancy Wainwright <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Governor Dunleavy's Open Meeting - please provide to the AIDEA Board

Governor Dunleavy has done an excellent job of being transparent during the Covid-19 crisis, with advisories, press briefings etc. It is recommended that AIDEA Board follow the Governor's Open Meeting guidelines in the link below, and Governor Dunleavy's example.

https://gov.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/Open-Meetings-Act.pdf

Wainwright Legal Services, LLC
[redacted]
Anchorage, Alaska 99508
[redacted]
[redacted]

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Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Jon Miller <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] Testimony for AIDEA meeting today

Comments for AIDEA emergency meeting 3-27-20

Regarding: Resolution G20-11

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on AIDEA's proposed resolution G20-11 to transfer $35 million from an Alaska State revolving fund into a fund dedicated to furthering development of the proposed Ambler Road.

I think the proposed $35 million transfer is foolish and misguided at best. At worst, it is a cynical attempt to expedite an economically problematic and environmentally destructive mining project when all eyes are elsewhere during a time of crisis. Today there is indeed an emergency that AIDEA should be addressing: helping to avoid and mitigate social and economic harm from the Covid-19 pandemic. Sidestepping public and legislative scrutiny of the Ambler Road project is neither an emergency nor appropriate at this time. I would also like to criticize the highly unprofessional and arguably illegal manner in which this public meeting is being held today.

Why, I ask, in the name of decency and prudence and situational awareness would the AIDEA board choose this time of escalating crisis to divert critical funds away from public health needs that we know will grow every day? Why would you fixate on a risky venture with no possibility of near term benefit at the clear expense of many possible ways to bolster local economies and aid struggling Alaskans?

The Ambler Road Project is controversial, with glaring "red flags" pointing to reasons we should not undertake the project at all for economic, social, and certainly environmental reasons. There is staunch local opposition to the project, overwhelming objection by Alaskan and national conservationists, and a glaring history of this type of industry give-away not only not paying the promised dividends to our society at large, but also of haunting future health and well being of the region through boom-bust economic collapse and long-lingering environmental contamination. In short, even the strongest selling point for this project—jobs for Alaskans—is highly problematic: the state may very well end up spending more money

building and maintaining the road than it is able to recoup, and the negative social costs to local communities resulting from the road and the mines will could very well outweigh the positive effects from two or three decades of limited employment. When the risks and costs of perpetual remediation of acid mine drainage are factored in, the proposed road is likely to be one more example of a lingering mining disaster that is anything but beneficial. Far safer, more broadly benign investments in Alaska's economic health abound, and the Covid-19 pandemic begs that you focus on more immediately productive investments.

I urge AIDEA's board members to vote "NO" on this inappropriate proposed transfer to expedite building the Ambler Road. This project has been festering for years, and deserves full scrutiny by the public. This is absolutely not the time or way to allocate millions of scarce Alaskan dollars with minimal public oversight.

Sincerely,

Jon Miller
[redacted]
Fairbanks, AK 99709
[redacted]
[redacted]

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 1:50 PM Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]> wrote:

Your email has been received and I put your name on the list for public testimony. Thank you Sherrie

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From: Jon Miller <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:15 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Testimony for AIDEA meeting today

I would like to make a comment on the proposal to transfer $35 million into a fund to further the Ambler Road project.

Jon Miller
[redacted]
Fairbanks, AK 99709
[redacted]

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Paul Reichardt <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Call in today

Until today's mtg started, I didn't realize I needed to send an email in order to call in. With the revised agenda in mind, I want to testify on Resolution 20-11.

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Timi Tullis <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:28 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Ambler road

Please do not divert money towards the Ambler road. Why would we put money towards this road when our state is in great needs for our citizens.

Thank you
Timi Tullis
Juneau
25 year resident

Sent from my iPhone

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Melissa Heuer [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Current AIDEA Meeting.

Hi Sherrie,

I am listening online and the conference number has been silent for 15 minutes. You all left for a five minute break at 3:20. Has the meeting resumed? Did the call in number change? Please advise as I know others are also listening in.

- Melissa

Melissa Heuer

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Lois Epstein [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Is everybody coming back onto the phone line? This is a longer than expected break. Thanks.

Lois Epstein, P.E.
Engineer & Arctic Program Director
Anchorage, Alaska
The Wilderness Society | The Wilderness Society Action Fund
[redacted]

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Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Lois Epstein <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Never mind! I can hear. Thanks.

Lois Epstein, P.E.
Engineer & Arctic Program Director
Anchorage, Alaska
The Wilderness Society | The Wilderness Society Action Fund
[redacted]

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Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Arctic Treks <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] RE: [External Outside Email] Friday 1 p.m. agenda

Hello Sherrie,

I was not able to interject during the call in to make a comment today during the deplorably run public meeting. Maybe I was too polite but if you would have done as you stated below and called each one of us who emailed you to sign up by name to allow our 2 minute time to speak it would have been way less chaotic.

I, Jim Campbell, a 46 year resident of Alaska from Fairbanks testify that I am adamantly opposed to providing $35 million to the Ambler Road project! I am a small Alaskan tourism business owner and believe it is totally ludicrous that AIDEA proposes to give this money to an outside multinational corporation, especially during this serious downturn in our state's economy and the current pandemic health crisis. There is a dire need to help our state's medical infrastructure to assure that the supplies needed to combat the Corona Virus are provided and that statewide small businesses, whose lifeblood is our state's main resource, is kept from going into a complete economic collapse.

Furthermore the Ambler Road project is opposed by the vast majority of local residents of Interior Alaska and the fact that the mining industry has not yet agreed to nor suggested that they would be willing to pay back any money the state puts forth should tell you wholeheartedly that AIDEA should absolutely not go forward with transferring any funds to the Ambler Road Project.

Thank you,

Jim Campbell
[redacted]

From: Sherrie M. Siverson [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:22 AM
To: Arctic Treks
Subject: RE: [External Outside Email] Friday 1 p.m. agenda

I will add your name to the list. When Public comments begin, I will call on those who wish to make comments by name. Thank you. Sherrie

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From: Arctic Treks <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:15 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]
Subject: [External Outside Email] Friday 1 p.m. agenda

My name is Jim Campbell. I will be calling in to testify today at 1 pm.

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Alexander Bergman <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] I would like to testify today

Thank you likewise! I guess I won't be able to call in after all, I couldn't enter the code fast enough. So if you could tell them for me:

Hello all. I am Alexander Bergman from Fairbanks, and I urge you to join me in opposing this diversion of funds to AIDEA.

The present moment is pretty much always the best of times and the worst of times. Even before the context of this pandemic, the climate crisis on top of everything else made this year an extraordinary time. So in full awareness of our unprecedented opportunities to show solidarity and support to the planet of human and nonhuman communities that we are necessarily independent with, diverting funds from that effort and without guaranteeing public opportunity for input is frustratingly irresponsible. We are transitioning to a regenerative economy, and we do not need another mine: we have commitments to community health to formalize in this pandemic, and we need to affirm everyone's rights to a democratic, representative process. And if the rumor be true, I have this to say to anyone who doesn't give a shit about public opportunity for testimony. Shame. On. You.

But I wish you all strong immune systems.

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 11:25 AM Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]> wrote:

> I will add your name to the list. When Public comments begin, I will call on those who wish to make comments by name. Thank you. Sherrie
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> Emailing your testimony is an excellent idea! Thank you for offering.
>
> **From:** Alexander Bergman <[redacted]>
> **Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 11:19 AM
> **To:** Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]>
> **Subject:** [External Outside Email] I would like to testify today
>
> Hi Sherrie,

I heard you were the one to notify if someone wanted to testify today, and I just wanted to ask that you put me on the list, please. Also, if I'm not able to testify by phone, can I email my testimony to you? Good health,

Alexander

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: PaulR <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Cc: Representative Grier Hopkins
Subject: [External Outside Email] AIDEA Resolutions G20-08 and G20-11
Attachments: AIDEA Ambler Road.docx

Frankly, I am not sure what, if any, good this email will do. I was waiting to testify by phone at the March 27 AIDEA meeting but did not get the opportunity because time for public comment expired before I had a chance. Those of us who did not get a chance to testify were invited to email or mail our comments to AIDEA, but then the AIDEA board went ahead with the meeting and agenda. After unanimously passing G20-08 (in the face of nearly unanimous testimony against it), the Board moved onto the next agenda item. Then, the meeting was paused at 3:20 for "five minutes." My phone went silent; after fifteen minutes or so I hung up, phoned back in, and heard a message to the effect that the meeting was no longer available. So, I have no idea if the board took additional actions or not. If the board went ahead and voted on all the resolutions on its agenda, I don't understand the point in soliciting additional testimony.
In any event, I have attached my testimony.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Sheehan, Kate E (DOA) <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:02 PM
Subject: [External Outside Email] Payroll Update: Submitting Timesheets and COVID-19 Leave Usage
Attachments: Payroll_Update_031920.pdf; COVID19_Leave_Usage_Guidance.pdf

Dear State Employee,

The attached guidance is provided to help you submit timesheets and leave slips for the end of the Pay Period on 03/31/20.

Payroll Update: Submitting Timesheets
Guidance when employees are unable to sign their timesheets. At this time, we are accepting digital signatures on timesheets and leave slips. It is possible there might be some employees who are unable to sign their paper timesheet and guidance is also provided for that situation. It is important that time entry is done accurately and that a timesheet be provided, if possible, to help verify the time entered in IRIS HRM.

Payroll Update: COVID-19 Leave Usage
Guidance on how to request and use the new COVID-19 Administrative Leave (19ND) and when to use your standard accrued leave. Part of using leave for any reason related to COVID-19 means that employees will need to understand how to add LDP Override codes to their timesheets. A quick overview of how to add the code is provided.

If you have questions please talk to your Administrative Staff, Payroll, or HR Staff for further assistance. This guidance will be posted on the COVID-19 Resources page as well.

Thank you for your patience during this time,
Division of Personnel and Labor Relations Payroll Services

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Sarah Histand <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] AIDEA Proposed Road to Ambler testimony

I was unable to testify during today's meeting and even so would like to submit a comment.

I urge the AIDEA board to vote no on G20-11.

The proposed transfer of $35 million dollars that could be used to fund the proposed road to Ambler is not a good idea, and does not have my support.

There has never been public support for using public funding for the road to Ambler. The public rejected using public funding for the road to Ambler when it was proposed by DOT in 2010(?), before transferring the project to AIDEA.

Please do not use a rushed loophole to publicly fund development that the public does not support.

Sarah Histand
Anchorage, Alaska
(resident)

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Rachael Gaedeke <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:53 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] Testimony today

Hello,

I listened to the entire meeting. I was unable to hear if the board voted for or against G20-11. There seemed to be minimal discussion on public comments. Please advise.

Rachael

On Mar 27, 2020, at 1:54 PM, Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]> wrote:

http://www.aidea.org/About/Board/2020AIDEABoardMeetings.aspx

Thank youl Sherrie

From: Rachael Gaedeke <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:47 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] Testimony today

Where is your agenda for today for me to see?

Rachael

> On Mar 27, 2020, at 11:05 AM, Sherrie M. Siverson <SSiverson@aidea.org> wrote:
>
> I will add your name to the list. When Public comments begin, I will call on those who wish to make comments by name. Thank you. Sherrie
>
> -----Original Message-----

> From: Rachael Gaedeke <[redacted]>
> Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:03 AM
> To: Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]>
> Subject: [External Outside Email] Testimony today
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> Please put me on the list to testify today. I'm hoping Mr. Pruhs gives a shit today.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> Rachael Gaedeke
> Anchorage, AK
>

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Kelly Bay <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Ambler Road

Sherrie,
Stop the Ambler Road. Those people don't need a road and they sure don't need a massive mine in their backyard. Have some respect for the native culture and the subsistence lifestyle. Leave those people alone. Quit putting profits above people and lifestyles that are important to everyone but the people that profit from the mine and destruction of remote areas of Alaska. STOP NOW. YOu Can't Go Back!
Kelly Bay
McCarthy, Alaska

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Jim Stratton <[redacted]>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:12 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Ambler Road

I was not able to call into the meeting on Friday, but wanted to let you know my thoughts. I cannot believe AIDEA is seriously considering locking up $35 million for a road to a mining district owned by foreigners when that money could be used to support working Alaskan businesses. Honestly? Please add my thoughts to the list...

Jim Stratton
[redacted]
Anchorage, AK 99516

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Tia Shoemaker <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Ambler Project; Karsten Rodvik; Jeffrey San Juan; Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] In Opposition to the Ambler Road Project

To Whom It May Concern:

The public comment period was far too short for everyone opposed to the Ambler Road Project to call in and comment.

Alaskan's do not want more roads, certainly not through remote areas like the southern Brooks Range. Healthy game and fish populations along with clean water are the most important resources for those of us living in rural Alaskan.

Sneaking this funding through in the middle of a national crisis is underhanded and wrong. This money could be used in much more productive and less damaging ways to insure the continued wellbeing of Alaskans and not outside mining conglomerates.

As a local small business owner and life long Alaskan I vehemently oppose the Ambler Road Project!

Tia Shoemaker

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Rochelle Harrison <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:25 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Ambler Road

As an Alaskan Bush resident and small business owner, I am opposed to the Ambler Road being built. Those of us who live in Bush Alaska life here for a reason and one of those reasons is limited easy access. If you have to work to be somewhere it means you want to be there and have worked hard to be in this place.
If you live in a village or small town, incoming people potentially having Covid19 can be readily screened if they are coming in on the jet. A road allows open and unregulated access exposing our small communities without health services to an influx of contagion.

Also why would we spend our declining State dollars to build a road which is meant to help a FOREIGN mining company take away the profits from our natural resources? Especially now with global pandemic we need to keep our future protected by holding on to our own resources!

If a FOREIGN mining wants harvest our minerals badly enough, let them pay the costs and fly their people in and out just like the Red Dog mine has!

I oppose the Ambler road.

Thank you
Rochelle Harrison
Grizzly Skins of Alaska
[redacted]
Sent from my iPad

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Phil Shoemaker <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:13 PM
To: Ambler Project; Karsten Rodvik; Jeffrey San Juan; Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Ambler road

As a long time Alaskan resident I would like to comment on the proposed road to Ambler. I realize the official comment period has closed.
I am opposed to the road but the fact that the entire process seemed to be rushed through during a state imposed period of quarantine when everyone is facing other distractions is equally as concerning as the road.

Alaskan citizens and voters should all be allowed say in how the resources of the state are developed . Constitutionaly they belong to all of us and are not to be sold, given or allocated to anyone, especially massive mining corporations, without a majority approval. Which this brief, sham official comment period does not address.

How can a state that is operating fiscally in the red justify the expense of this road ?

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Ryan Coffman <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:27 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Ambler road

To Whom It May Concern:

The public comment period was far too short for everyone opposed to the Ambler Road Project to call in and comment.

Alaskan's do not want more roads, certainly not through remote areas like the southern Brooks Range. Healthy game and fish populations along with clean water are the most important resources for those of us living in rural Alaskan.

Sneaking this funding through in the middle of a national crisis is underhanded and wrong. This money could be used in much more productive and less damaging ways to insure the continued wellbeing of Alaskans and not outside mining conglomerates.

As a local small business owner and life long Alaskan I vehemently oppose the Ambler Road Project!

Thank you,
Ryan Coffman

Sent from my iPhone

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Lauren Sutton <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Amber Road money

Hello,
My name is Lauren Sutton. I am an Alaskan resident and live in Fairbanks, Alaska. I am opposed to providing $35 million to the Arctic Industrial Development Fund to pay for fieldwork, design, and permitting of the Ambler Road. That money should be spent on Alaskan businesses and families who currently need it.

Thank you,
Lauren Sutton

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Solaris Gillispie <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:14 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] AIDEA call in

Hi,

I'm on the AIDEA call to give public testimony.

Best,
Solaris Gillispie

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Solaris Gillispie
(She/Her/Hers or They/Them/Theirs)
Clean Water & Mining Manager

Northern Alaska Environmental Center
[redacted]
Fairbanks Alaska 99701-1535
[redacted]

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Ivan Clark, P.E. <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 8:07 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Support for Resolution G20-11

Dear Board.

I urge you to support resolution G20-11. In this dire time of need for our state and country, now more than ever we need to invest in the future, and also invest in Alaska. Securing funding for the road to the Ambler mining district will will put Alaskans to work. Firms supporting the engineering, surveying, logistics, helicopters, etc. who are ALASKAN and will desperately need work, in the coming months. Shuttling funds to to shore up unsustainable programs (such as the marine highway) would just be a bandaid and provide little to no return for the future. Those type of programs will always require cash and are not self sustainable. We need projects that will provide a revenue stream for the State.

Now more than ever, the State needs to diversify for the future. Mining has a strong future in the state, one that can help fill the gap that oil and gas will leave behind.

Regards.

Ivan Clark
Chugiak, AK

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Bjørn Olson <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Ambler Road

It is unethical, immoral and wrong to use State funds, meant to assist Alaskans during the Coronavirus pandemic for the Ambler Road and Mine.

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Bjorn Olson
[redacted]

I believe that contentment or any sustained period of joy that doesn't inspire thought that leads to action almost immediately is useless. - Henry Rollins

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Erica Carroll <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:37 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] RE: [External Outside Email] RE: Plan to attended Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority Board Meeting Friday, March 27, 2020 1:00 p.m.
Attachments: March 27, 2020 - AIDEA Testimony (E. Carroll G20-11).pdf

Sherrie,

Thank you again for your coordination - Here is a copy of my testimony.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify.

Erica

Erica Carroll
Alaska Field Representative | National Parks Conservation Association
[redacted]
Your parks. Your turn.

From: Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:49 PM
To: Erica Carroll <ecarroll@npca.org>
Subject: Re: [External Outside Email] RE: Plan to attended Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority Board Meeting Friday, March 27, 2020 1:00 p.m.

Your email has been received and I put your name on the list for public testimony. Thank you Sherrie

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From: Erica Carroll <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] RE: Plan to attended Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority Board Meeting Friday, March 27, 2020 1:00 p.m.

I emailed this to you at 11:44 am and you did not call my name…

I am on the phone and will ask to speak/testify during G20-11.

Erica

Erica Carroll

Alaska Field Representative | National Parks Conservation Association

[redacted]

Your parks. Your turn.

From: Erica Carroll
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson [redacted]
Subject: Plan to attended Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority Board Meeting Friday, March 27, 2020 1:00 p.m.

Sherrie,

I plan to call in and testify today at the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority Board Meeting Friday, March 27, 2020 1:00 p.m.

Thank you,

Erica Carroll

Erica Carroll

Alaska Field Representative | National Parks Conservation Association

[redacted]

Your parks. Your turn.

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Stefan Milkowski <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] AIDEA board meeting public comment

Hi Ms. Siverson,

I would like to provide public comment at today's board meeting. Could you please add me to the sign in sheet?

My name is Stefan Milkowski, I live in Fairbanks, my phone number is 907-750-5420.

Thank you,
Stefan

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Stefan Milkowski
[redacted]
Fairbanks, AK 99712
[redacted]

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Bill Sherwonit <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] AIDEA Resolution G20-11 (transfer of funds to Arctic Infrastructure Development Fund)

To Sherrie Siverson and other AIDEA board members,

I tried to call into the AIDEA special board meeting/teleconference several times on Thursday afternoon and could not get through. I have prior commitments this afternoon (Friday), so will not be able to participate by phone, so I hope you will instead accept these email comments.

I'm a resident of Anchorage and longtime Alaskan who has followed the proposed Ambler Road project for several years. I also have a personal connection to the area that's affected, first as a geologist who worked in the Central and Western Brooks Range in the 1970s, and also someone who has had close ties to the Central Brooks Range and especially Gates of the Arctic National Park & Preserve for several decades, as an adventurer/backcountry traveler, wilderness advocate, and writer.

I am strongly opposed to the resolution that would allow AIDEA to transfer $35 million from what I understand to be a state revolving fund into a separate fund that would be used to help pay for permitting and pre-construction costs of the Ambler Road project.

To me it is unconscionable and unethical for AIDEA to take money that could be used to help Alaskan businesses impacted by the economic crisis precipitated by the COVID-19 pandemic and transfer it to a fund that can only be used for the Ambler Road project. The money would be much better used to help the many Alaskan businesses that are suffering economic hardships during this time.

It's my understanding that AIDEA is using the pandemic to justify waiving its rules to allow this transfer, which makes that action even more egregiously unacceptable.

I hope there is some way to make my comments part of the public record, given what appears to be short notice and limited opportunities to comment by phone. Thanks for considering my perspective and comments,
Bill Sherwonit
Anchorage, Alaska
[redacted]

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: bruce and Jeralyn lee <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Ambler Road meeting

I plan on calling in at 1pm to oppose the Ambler Road project

Jeralyn Hath
[redacted]
Denali Park, AK 99755

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Charles Gilbert <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Testimony on Resolution G20-11

My name is Charles Gilbert. I urge the board to disapprove Resolution G-20-11, which would transfer $35M from an AIDEA revolving fund to the Ambler Road project. I understand that such funds would be used to pay for detailed engineering of the road, engineering of the many bridges that would be required, legal representation and other other consultants. This is a case of "Putting the cart before the horse."

The Ambler Road project is controversial for many reasons, and no decisions have yet been made as to whether such a road will be built. The environmental review process isn't complete, so even decisions on issuance permits have not been made. The economic feasibility of the project has not been determined. AIDEA's successful Red Dog Road is cited as the model to apply to the proposed Ambler Road. But a 200+ mile road to the Ambler Mining District is an entirely different animal than the 52 mile Red Dog Road—a road that follows high ground on rolling hills nearly all the way from the mine to a coastal port, crossing no major waterways. Whereas the Ambler Road would run along 200+ miles of the south flank of the Brooks Range, crossing several large rivers and many, many other waterways, as well as significant wetlands, all at great cost in construction and maintenance of bridges and a sustainable roadbed, and that's just to get to the Haul Road, not to a tidewater port. The ability of the mining companies to pay tolls that would fully reimburse AIDEA for the costs of building, maintaining and removing the road is highly suspect. Yet that feasibly determination has not been made.

To provide the Ambler Road project with $35M to do detailed road engineering and bridge design, before it's even decided that a road and numerous bridges will be built, is a misuse of dollars that are needed right now on projects critical to Alaska. I urge you to disapprove Resolution G20-11. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sent from my iPad

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Christin Swearingen <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:30 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] Comment

Great, thanks!

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 11:21 AM Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]> wrote:

I will add your name to the list. When Public comments begin, I will call on those who wish to make comments by name. Thank you. Sherrie

From: Christin Swearingen <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:11 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]>
Subject: [External Outside Email] Comment

Hello,

I would like to testify at the meeting on Ambler road at 1:00 today. Could you please add me to the list? Thanks.

Christin

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Eva Burk <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] testimony today

Hi Sherrie,

Please sign me up for public testimony today at 1PM regarding AIDEA and Ambler Road.

Thank you,
Eva

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Greggory Halbach <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Ambler Call-In

Hello,

My name is Greg Halbach. I'm interested in submitting comments during the 1PM call scheduled for today concerning allocating small business funds for the Ambler Road project. If there is an alternative method to submit comments in writing, I would be interested in doing that as well. Thank you.

Greg

Greg Halbach
[redacted]

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Susan McHenry <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Re: [External Outside Email] Do not support Ambler Road

I do not need to speak at today's meeting. Thank you.

Sue McHenry

> On Mar 27, 2020, at 11:26 AM, Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]> wrote:
>

Thank you. I will share your comments with the board members.

Do you wish to make public comments at today's board meeting? If so, I will add your name to the list. When Public comments begin, I will call on those who wish to make comments by name. Sherrie

-----Original Message-----
From: Susan McHenry <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson <[redacted]>
Subject: [External Outside Email] Do not support Ambler Road

This is Sue McHenry, a 55 year resident of Fairbanks. In these extraordinarily challenging times for our citizens, any resources should be directed to supporting and reviving small and medium sized business and the families of Alaska. That focus is the intention of funds becoming available now. It would be unconscionable to use funds to push forward on a project such as the Ambler road at a time when so many existing enterprises are suffering. Do NOT use this crisis to pull an end run to avoid thorough and legitimate public input. Villages oppose this road and so do many urban citizens.

Sue McHenry

Sherrie M. Siverson

From: Todd Mackinaw <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:09 PM
To: Sherrie M. Siverson
Subject: [External Outside Email] Aidea call in

Sherrie, can I get on the call in list for today's comment period regarding the Ambler Road?
Thanks.
Todd Mackinaw
Fairbanks AK