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Dear Potential Funder,

On behalf of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, we offer this letter in support of the Alaska Climate Change Planning Cohort proposal put forward by the Geos Institute, Lotus Sustainability, and University of Alaska (Anchorage and Fairbanks). Alaskan communities are some of the first to feel the impacts of a rapidly changing climate and some of the first to suffer the consequences. Melting permafrost, changing patterns of subsistence food sources, and increasing wildfire seasons are few of the challenges that communities in Alaska are facing as a result of climate change.

To navigate those changes, many communities in our state are working to develop and implement climate plans that build resilience to the impacts that are underway, while also addressing the root causes of the climate change through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

The proposal put forward will provide our community with the technical support and guidance it needs to develop and implement a climate change plan that is based on the best available science and traditional knowledge, addresses our most pressing needs, and aligns with our community values. By doing much of the planning work ourselves, we will also strengthen our adaptive capacity and our ability to implement and update our plan over time as conditions and projections continue to change.

We support the proposal put forward by this research team and are excited to be included in the cohort.

Sincerely,

Ken Castner
Mayor, City of Homer