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Denali Borough School District
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RE: Letter of Commitment for Denali Borough School District's Application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program through the Environmental Protection Agency.

Superintendent Polta,

I am writing to express the support of the Denali Chamber for The Denali Borough School District's (DBSD) grant application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program Administered through the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Denali Chamber of Commerce's mission is to promote and enhance a vibrant business community, by ensuring that the community we live in has growth and development centric opportunities. Our services are available to Denali Borough residents, businesses, and organizations include business consultation services, online and in person training, and networking.

The Chamber of Commerce supports efforts to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency upgrades. We spearheaded the 2022 Solarize Denali campaign to connect residents with equitable, accessible, and affordable solar projects. The Chamber can continue to be a resource for information regarding the benefits and return on investment that is possible through these types of projects, which also demonstrate a local commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Building our community's capacity and economic diversity is part of creating a resilient environment, both social and built. A current initiative the Chamber has underway is the creation of a 501c3 Economic, Community and Workforce Development Foundation. The Foundation's focus will be long term planning, which will include grant writing, economic development practices, program implementation, and workforce initiatives. Workforce development and job creation is critical to a small rural community, and infrastructure projects and upgrades help create new economic opportunities in our community.

Thank you for the work that is being done to make our community more resilient.
Sincerely,

Vanessa Juszczak
Executive Director

Mission: To Grow & Enhance a Vibrant Business Community

Vision: To Empower Businesses Through Collaboration

Guiding Values: Credibility, Inclusiveness, Connection, Integrity, Responsibility