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Subject: Proposed Improvements to the Gustavus Airport

Dear Messrs. Mearig and Gilbertsen:

I am writing you today to request that the City of Gustavus City Council be invited to participate in the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF), and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Earthjustice, the Gustavus PFAS Action Coalition (GPAC), and the Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT) meeting to discuss improvements taken place at the Gustavus Airport. Specifically, issues concerning the public health and the environment concerns from the contamination from Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

In a letter from Earthjustice dated April 30, 2021 a meeting was requested to discuss the concerns of the ongoing work on the Gustavus Airport apron, runway, and taxiway pavement rehabilitation project (State Project No. Z675170000). It is important that the community of Gustavus know that the work will not further contaminate Gustavus with PFAS, nor further increase the plume caused by the use of Aqueous Film Forming Foam used at the airport. I recognize the recent effort by ADOT&PF to communicate the measures being taken. The recent presentation was helpful, but the limited time for the question and answer period was insufficient to address all of the questions and concerns.

Sincerely,


Brittney Cannamore, Mayor

Cc: Earthjustice; GPAC; ACAT