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Dear Mr. Rogers and Special Guests,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you today. Although I am unable to join you, it is important to share with this gathering of private sector leaders the new direction Alaska will be taking toward responsible resource development under my administration.

On November 7, the day after the 2018 election, I made my first policy announcement at the annual meeting of the Alaska Miners Association. My message: Alaska is open for business. The venue was no coincidence; it was in direct recognition to all those in the resource development sector, particularly our hardworking miners, that we value and appreciate your contributions to our state and to our country.

Our miners recognize that, as a nation, we continue to rely on foreign countries for more than two dozen critical minerals. This must change, and I'm pleased to know the Department of Interior and President Trump are laser-focused on ending Americans dependence on foreign minerals. As Alaska's governor, I feel confident that Alaska will play a significant role in that process.

My administration will continue to encourage new investment and opportunity in Alaska. I envision growth within Alaska's resource development sector, and new developments within mining – with new exploration, growth in production, and value-added development.

If you are interested in investing in Alaska's mining industry, I say now is the time. I am personally committed to expanding Alaska's mining economy and providing predictability and stability within the permitting system. Every project in Alaska will get a fair shake. Every project will have the benefit of a fair, unbiased process based on sound science, technical data, and engineering.

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I have assembled a great team to accomplish these goals. My administration and commissioners are committed to responsibly developing Alaska's resources for the benefit of Alaskans. If you want to work, I want to find an opportunity to make it happen. To get there, it requires investment and people willing to take this chance on Alaska. We are rich in mineral and we are rich in potential.

For me, mining is personal. I have seen firsthand how important this industry is to a healthy and robust economy. My daughters work for the Red Dog Mine in Northwest Alaska. Mining creates jobs, economic opportunity, and good paying jobs for our residents. By creating more opportunities for individuals, we can reduce dependence on government. This is a central tenet of my vision for getting Alaska's economy back on track.

Thank you for your time and your personal investment in Alaska.