

RESOLUTION OF THE AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD CONCERNING THE FEDERAL BY- PASS MAIL PROGRAM

Whereas: 75% of Alaska's communities and over 85, 000 residents have no connecting road or ferry transportation system and;

Whereas the US Congress has established goals for what is know as the United States Postal Service By-Pass Mail Service, providing rural Alaska with mail service and ;

Whereas the two stated purposes of this legislation are:

1. To ensure passenger service and improve passenger safety.
2. To support non-mail freight service to rural communities.

Whereas: the Alaska by-Pass Mail System contributes to the viability of Alaska's interstate air transportation system and;

Whereas Rural Alaska residents already experience extremely high cost of living due to transportation costs and

Whereas the United States Postal Service has indicated that Alaska's By-Pass Mail service goes beyond the Postal Service mission of providing universal service and that the Postal Service should be obligated with the responsibilities directed under the By-Pass Mail Act and

Whereas the Alaska Aviation Advisory Board believes that any significant increase in rural transportation costs may become an increased cost to the State of Alaska;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; That the Alaska Aviation Advisory Board, through it's Chairman, advise the Governor of the State of Alaska of this concern and ask the Governor to engage with the United States Postal Service and the Alaska Congressional Delegation to find a solution for the above concern.

Adopted on the 21st of November, 2006

Chairman Richard Wien