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The Honorable Don Young  
House of Representatives  
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Dear Congressman Young:

Thank you for your very kind letter. As I leave my job as President of the Alaska Railroad one of the highlights I will always recall will be the tremendous support through thick and thin that you and your fine staff always gave us. I was hired in 2001 first and foremost to improve the unsatisfactory safety performance of the company. I feel pretty good about the fact that in my nine years I never put a railcar on its side due to an accident caused by men or materials and never lost a life. So if I left the Alaska Railroad in a better position than when I found it, then I did my job.

Now there are new challenges to meet as President of the University of Alaska system to continue benefitting Alaskans and Alaska. I am fired up to take it on. And I am sure in this new capacity I will sooner or later end up on your doorstep once again, trying to do the impossible and looking for your help to make it work. I can't wait! Keep fighting the good fight.

Warm regards,

Patrick K. Gamble  
President and Chief Executive Officer