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Mr. Ira Rosen
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Dear Mr. Rosen:

June 2nd is here and according to your website this is the last day of the public review period. As I emphasized before, this is a critical issue for the state and we need to do everything we can to ensure that the public is given a chance to understand and comment on how the state's money is being spent. Seeing that you were unable to finish your presentation in Fairbanks, I do not believe the public review process is complete.

While I appreciate the efforts you have already made to make yourselves and your methodology available for public scrutiny, I do not believe you should be satisfied with the level of feedback you have received. The public review period is not a time to passively wait for people to come forward with comments. This is a time to be proactive in educating the public so that they may come forward with constructive criticism that will help improve the proposed methodology. Therefore, I ask you to please consider coming back to Fairbanks to finish your presentation, and increase your efforts to make the public aware of the meeting so that they have an adequate opportunity to be a part of this process.

Additionally, I want to express my concern over the lack of involvement in the proposed risk assessment from industry. Is it reasonable to expect a useful final product without their participation? I believe this is a serious issue that needs to be discussed further in the public forum before this project continues.

Sincerely,

Representative David Guttenberg

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