



Governor Michael J. Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

August 9, 2019

Ms. Mary Neumayr
Chairperson
Council on Environmental Quality
730/722 Jackson Place NW
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Ms. Neumayr:

Please accept this request to designate the Bokan – Dotson Ridge Project as a High Priority Infrastructure Project.

America's dependency on a non-allied, foreign-sourced, critical metals supply chain to support national defense, green energy initiatives, and high-tech product manufacturing is an ongoing concern at both the State and Federal levels.

The Bokan – Dotson Ridge Project is in the unique situation of having a domestic rare earth metal project located on the shores of Kendrick Bay, Prince of Wales Island, in Southeast Alaska. The project developer, Ucore Rare Metals, has invested significant financial resources since 2007 toward the definition of the deposit, engineering for mine and processing plans, in addition to funding research and development toward a clean, green, separation technology for this critical mineral resource.

The State of Alaska understands the critical nature of a secure supply chain for rare earth minerals in the United States. We are seeking your support to have this Alaskan rare earth deposit deemed a High Priority Infrastructure Project and recognize that this designation will allow for a more efficient permitting process to ensure the resource is available for development in a reasonable time-frame.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to Alaska enabling secure critical minerals supplies for the benefit of the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Dunleavy".

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor

cc: Ms. Katherine Smith, Deputy Associate Director for Infrastructure