

# City and Borough of Sitka

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*Coast Guard City, USA*

November 7, 2018

Congressman Don Young  
2314 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

471 W. 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 201  
Anchorage, AK 99503

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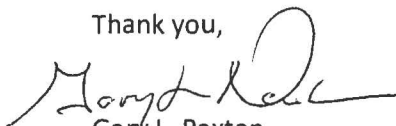
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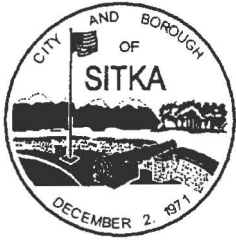
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Thank you,

  
Gary L. Paxton  
Mayor

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Senator Lisa Murkowski

522 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

800 Glacier Ave Suite 101  
Juneau, AK 99801

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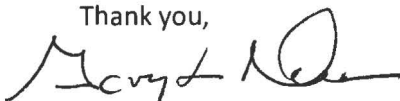
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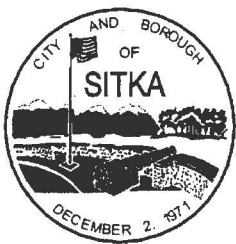
Thank you,

  
Gary Paxton  
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LISA, THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR  
OUR GREAT STATE & NATION - YOU  
ARE EXACTLY WHAT OUR SENATORS  
SHOULD BE. GOD BLESS

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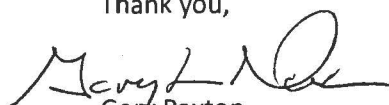
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