

## **Responses from Savannah Fletcher:**

1. What is your level of concern for the safety and financial impacts to Alaskans with the model of using our public road system for Direct Shipping Ore (DSO) by mining companies, especially in light of the reduced federal highway funding?

**I'm highly concerned. We have already had a fatality related to the ore haul. While I'm a strong supporter of interior development and job creation, public safety is the number one responsibility of government, and we need to do more to ensure our roads are safe. Additionally, we need to prioritize road maintenance projects that serve all of the public; the Dunleavy Administration has done a poor job of ensuring we receive all of our federal highway dollars, so that makes it even more critical that the dollars we do have go toward projects that serve all of us and not a special interest.**

- 1a. Please explain how expanding industrial use of public infrastructure is or is not a legislative priority for you.

**The top priority for public infrastructure is the public. It's my priority that our roads are safe to use for residents, and well maintained. It's common and necessary for public infrastructure to be used for commercial purposes, but if a single project is causing a disproportionate impact on that public good, I support finding ways for that private entity to chip in their share.**

2. Are you willing to speak directly with the governor and the DOT&PF commissioner to request immediate release of the Alaska-Richardson-Steese Highway Corridor Action Plan promised March 8, 2022?

**Yes**

- 2a. How will you ensure the recommendations from the pending independent study on the impacts of the ore haul are implemented and adhered to by the state?

**I believe the current Senate bipartisan coalition has served as a bulwark of reasonable policymaking, and I'm going to fight to protect that coalition. Implementing and adhering to recommendations of the study will require building buy-in among a strong bipartisan group of lawmakers to hold the administration accountable, in addition to only passing legislation that adheres to the recommendations of the study.**

- 2b. Are you willing to push for committee hearings to achieve this and strengthen overall accountability?

**Yes**

3. There is rapidly increasing industrial use of Alaska's public infrastructure for mining and other resource extraction operations. Are you willing to look at and work towards legal changes to definitions of "commercial" and "industrial" transportation with the goal of requiring heavy industrial users to share the financial burden for their use of public infrastructure?

Yes

3a. Are you willing to pursue imposing and enforcing weight limits on vehicles using public highways and bridges?

Yes

3b. Are you willing to pursue clarifying and improving the permit system for oversized vehicles?

Yes