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Mr. Stevens,

We appreciate your trip out to see Dillingham and meet with us about the challenges we face in preparations for the commercial fishing season. As we have articulated in the past couple of conference calls with you and Commissioner Crum, we face a number of issues that we could use your influence and the Governor's political power to resolve. We have a number of requirements that we have not had luck in filling through normal channels. Below is a list of some of the most pressing material requests that we certainly could use your assistance with:

- A 24/7 roving security patrol through mid-August to assist with maintaining quarantine requirements and report violations to the Dillingham Police or provide a National Guard contingent for the same purpose.
- A security team at the airport to monitor incoming flights to alert Dillingham Police of violations of the City of Dillingham emergency ordinances or provide a National Guard contingent for the same purpose.
- 20,000 COVID test kits to augment the testing supplies of the hospital and the contract testing center.
- Provide augmentation of Health Care Workers to BBAHC as required.
- Seven portable hand washing stations with abundant soap and hand towel supplies.
- \$72,000 to provide 24/7 harbor operations and dispatch service (Six positions, \$25/hr, three months).
- Seven motel rooms at the Bristol Inn through mid-August for Public Safety Personnel desiring to stay in to separate themselves from their families in order to prevent virus transmission.
- Mental health professionals to hold seminars/zoom meetings/KDLG radio shows through mid-August to help citizens deal with the stress of this event.
- 2,000 N95 masks.
- 7,000 cloth masks.
- 100 non-contact forehead infrared thermometers.

- 100 cases of disinfecting wipes.
- 100 medical grade goggles.
- 100 medical grade facemasks.
- 25 disinfectant hand sprayers capable of using bleach in them.
- 100 gallons of Clorox bleach.
- 50 hand sanitizer stations.
- 50 gallons of hand sanitizer with 70% alcohol or greater.
- 400 disposable gowns for the EMS crews and Law Enforcement to augment our sparse supplies.
- 10 cases of extra-large surgical gloves, 30 cases of large surgical gloves, and 30 cases of medium surgical gloves.
- 18 body bags.
- Mobile hospital on standby should Dillingham have an outbreak and there is a breakdown in the patient transport process to Anchorage.
- Alaska State Trooper law enforcement support if the Dillingham Police Department officers become infected and/or required to quarantine.
- Emergency Medical System responders if Dillingham EMS members become infected and/or required to quarantine.
- A mental health crisis team on standby to respond to Dillingham should an outbreak occur.

Additionally, we would like your support to move forward with Dillingham becoming a part of the Essential Air Service program. As you know we recently lost Ravn and Pen Air as our commercial carrier. Alaska Airlines is stepping up and coming early to Dillingham for the summer season, however, we would like to work with the Governor's Office and well as our Congressional delegation to obtain this designation to assist with the high cost of air travel and to provide stable air service as one of western Alaska's hub communities.

Again, we appreciate that you and key members of the Governor's staff made the effort to meet with us and discuss some significant challenges as thousands of workers and fishermen arrive from across the globe and descend upon Dillingham. We are very concerned that this could be the 'perfect storm' for the virus to make an entrance into Bristol Bay and cause some significant damage to our citizens and those of the surrounding villages.

Please feel free to contact me at manager@dillinghamak.us or (907) 843-2131 or our Emergency Operations Center at EOC@dillinghamak.us or (907) 842-2321.

Respectfully,



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