



# WHY ALASKA?

## Sovereign Strength, Resource Rich

### Streamlined Governance & Business-Friendly Leadership

**Most Unified Executive Branch in the U.S.:** Alaska's Constitution ensures a streamlined government, creating efficiency, ease of business, and a more predictable business environment.

**A Single Decision-Making Authority:** The Governor appoints the Lieutenant Governor, department heads, Attorney General, and all major economic boards, including the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) and Alaska Energy Authority (AEA).

### Unmatched Land & Natural Resource Assets

**Over 100 Million Acres of State-Owned Land:** Alaska controls vast land and subsurface resources, including oil, gas, minerals, timber, and water.

**Abundant Freshwater:** Alaska has three times more freshwater than any other state, with no access issues, ensuring stable water resources for industry.

### Long-Term Economic Stability & Wealth Creation

**The Alaska Permanent Fund:** A Model for Economic Sustainability – Alaska enjoys the benefits of a state-managed sovereign wealth fund which funds the state's operating budget and has created generational wealth by distributing nearly \$30 billion in dividends to residents since 1982.

**Stable Investment Climate:** A strong, resource-backed economy and consistent revenue-sharing model create a reliable environment for businesses.

### Pro-Business Tax Climate

**Lowest State & Local Tax Burden:** Alaska ranks #1 in the U.S. with just a 4.6% total tax burden, the lowest in the country.

**No Statewide Sales, Income Tax, Corporate Franchise or Privilege Tax:** Businesses benefit from zero state-imposed sales or income taxes. Companies also do not have to pay the franchise or privilege taxes that exist in other states.

**Simple Corporate Tax Structure:** Alaska adopts federal corporate tax regulations, streamlining operations for businesses.

**Lowest Motor Fuel Tax in the U.S.:** Alaska has the lowest motor fuel tax in the country, which helps businesses lower transportation expenses.

**“Oil and gas is going to be here for decades, and Alaska is a key location for Repsol to invest in. The United States is the No. 2 investment location for Repsol, Spain being No. 1. That's because of the leadership of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, his team, the legislators here that make Alaska a great location for foreign direct investment and bringing these resources in a responsible manner forward. We're proud to be here.**

**Walt Hufford**, Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs-Americas, Repsol,  
at the Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference, May 21, 2024

# LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA

## Mike Dunleavy



Alaska is well-known for its beautiful landscapes, but it wasn't purchased from Russia in 1867 to be a tourist attraction. Alaska was acquired for its tremendous resource potential, and we joined the Union in 1959 with an agreement to support ourselves through the development of those nearly unlimited natural resources.

No other State was founded with such a mandate, and our Constitution requires that our resources—whether natural or financial – be developed for the maximum benefit of our People in accordance with the principles of sustained yield.

"North to the Future" is our State Motto, but it's more than that. It's a way of life. It's a mission statement. Alaskans have worked tirelessly to fulfill it, and we've only just begun. Since Statehood, Alaska has developed world class fisheries that are the envy of the world. We've produced more than 18 billion barrels of oil responsibly from our North Slope fields without flaring natural gas, and multi-billion dollar projects are now under construction in our Pikka and Willow units under the highest environmental standards in the world.

We're the No. 1 producer of silver and zinc in the U.S., and No. 2 in gold. Alaska is also home to 49 of the 50 identified critical minerals with the richest known deposits of graphite, heavy rare earths, and cobalt in the Nation. We have one-seventh of the Nation's timber and vast areas of farmland characterized by our clean soil and abundant fresh water.

We were the first State to export LNG in 1969, and our strategic location with an unimpeded route to Asia continues to provide new opportunities for our trillions of cubic feet of natural gas. There is room for expansion at the third-busiest cargo airport in the world in Anchorage, and for Alaska to become the "Panama Canal of the North" as Arctic shipping increases.

While our traditional natural resources will provide benefits for decades to come, we've also embraced emerging technologies over the past three years with successful legislation to open Alaska for business to advanced nuclear reactors, nature-based carbon offsets, and carbon capture, utilization, and storage with the largest reservoir space on the U.S. West Coast at an estimated 50 gigatons in Cook Inlet alone.






We have world class offshore wind and geothermal potential, and the second-strongest tides in the world in Cook Inlet where research is ongoing to develop the first utility-scale tidal project in the U.S.

In sum, Alaska has everything the world needs now, and for the next 50 years and beyond. The investment opportunities are second to none. We're Open For Business, and we're looking forward to doing business with you.

Sincerely,

**Mike Dunleavy**  
Governor

### Favorable Tax Regime

-  Alaska ranks #1 in state and local tax burdens (4.6%)
-  No Statewide Sales or Income Tax
-  Alaska adopts by reference the Federal regulations surrounding the corporate income tax provisions
-  No corporate franchise tax or privilege tax
-  Lowest motor fuel tax in the nation

Learn more about the benefits of doing business in Alaska  
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