

Good afternoon, my name is Trisha Trumble and I can truthfully start by saying I am living proof of why we need this road.

I have been in support of this road since I was a little girl. I actually went to Washington DC when I was in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and helped lobby for the King Cove Health and Safety Act. I sat and watched while this bill was debated in Congress for 5 hours in the Capitol. I represented the community of King Cove as a resident, but as a young child knowing the importance/need for a road to Cold Bay. Being a lifelong resident of King Cove, we all stand here today and know how many people don't like to fly between these two communities. We know that lives have been taken due to bad weather and that many plane rides that were touch, and go and how many of you here today can say you have had a few bad flights, and who in this room hasn't been stuck in Cold Bay before due to weather? Point taken.

I have always supported the need for a road but today, now more than ever. As you all know the recent news and the incident that took place on Monday on the King Cove runway, well I was in the plane that crashed on the runway. I got to experience what no one wants to ever happen with a very lucky outcome.

On the flight from Anchorage to Cold Bay we landed just fine, the weather in Cold Bay was not too bad at all. After we got off the plane the staff in Cold Bay noted that they probably won't be flying over to the Cove and that they had one flight out of there earlier that day and the pilot said he wasn't going back. They told us to wait a while and see what the weather does. During the time waiting to see if Pen Air going to fly us over another passenger on the plane had called for someone to pick him up on a boat because he didn't want to stay in Cold Bay. After about an hour they decided to take a few passengers over, the pilot came back and I asked him how it was and he replied that it wasn't too bad at all. So I questioned myself, my ticket was already paid for and he said it wasn't that bad, I informed him that I was a terrible flyer and I asked him again how was the ride? He said not too bad at all, that there were a few bumps landing and that was it. I have flown in and out of King Cove and a few small bumps is considered a good ride. So I decided to fly over to King Cove instead of taking the boat thinking that it wasn't going to be that bad of a flight.

We came out of Cold Bay just fine once we were going passed the camel humps it started to get a little turbulent, this being normal coming by the camel humps. Then we got passed the camel humps and things to me were still a little iffy. We hit a few more bumps that made me scream, and in the back of my mind, I kept telling myself were almost there. Turning around to land over Belkofski is where the terror really started to sink in if we were going to make it or not. At this point turning it felt like we were vertically straight and that when the first thought that we not going to make it we're going to crash into the ground. Then we leveled out, but we were still so very high in the air coming over the airstrip. The airstrip looked liked the size of a pencil and we were just coming over it we were so high. At this point I'm thinking to myself if we get down there is no way we are going to stop on the airstrip and if we do were going off the end of it.

Then out of nowhere we hit a huge pocket that just drops us out of the sky. At this point I'm thinking this is it, and I knew we were going to crash. The pilot then pushed the throttle full speed where we crashed onto the airstrip, and yes the landing gear was out! We crashed onto the

airstrip tail first where we slid down the runway on the belly of the plane and then we started fish tailing and eventually we were sliding sideways. I was sitting right behind the pilot and I was able to look to my left 45 degrees and we were going straight down the runway, when I braced myself even more because I was sure that we were going to start rolling down the runway sideways. Suddenly, somehow we just stopped. We all got out of the plane to find fuel shooting out of the plane. This happened so fast and you just think to yourself "how lucky am I?"

You can question the "what ifs" of that day and I won't, I am just so happy that considering the situation events ended as they did, no one was injured or worse. I am happy to be here today to be able to tell my story and supporting this road that means so much to me and to the community of King Cove.

Living in King Cove, I understand the circumstance of the location and the abundance of wind we get and how transportation out of King Cove is a challenge we face everyday living here. But this is our home, and it is what we know and where we belong and want to stay.

Please that our request for access seriously, this would positively impact our lives on so many levels. Thank you.

Not only should anyone have to go through what I have to realize the reality of the risk you take each time you fly in and out of here. This should be an eye opener to the reality of what residents and people traveling in and out of King Cove have to face. The weather is very unpredictable. Lives are irreplaceable unlike an airplane, you only have one life and this is where we live. The people of King Cove need this road for..... My name is Trisha Trumble and I support this road 110% all the way to the end.