

Tanana Chiefs Conference

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SUBREGIONS

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KUSKOKWIM

McGrath
Medfra
Nikolai
Takotna
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Senator Thomas Wagoner
Alaska State Capital, Room 427
Juneau, AK 99801

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LOWER YUKON

Anvik
Grayling
Holy Cross
Shageluk

RE: Support for SB 145 – Tax Credit for Nenana Basin Exploration

Dear Senator Wagoner:

I am writing to support SB 145 which would extend a tax credit to the Nenana Basin to make exploration more affordable. The Nenana Traditional Council is supportive of the bill because it will potentially create local jobs and economic development for the community.

Our mission for the Tanana Chiefs Conference region is to provide a unified voice advancing tribal governments, *economic and social development*, promote physical and mental wellness, education opportunities and protect language, traditional and cultural values.

YUKON FLATS

Arctic Village
Beaver
Birch Creek
Canyon Village
Chalkyitsik
Circle
Fort Yukon
Venetie

In order for our communities to thrive in the future, we must take advantage of opportunities today that will increase employment and economic stability. Our villages are in a financial crisis as the cost of living goes up exponentially and the per capita income remains the same. We must aggressively seek economic development opportunities in our region, especially if they are in rural areas. Of course, we support development only when our subsistence resources will not be harmed.

YUKON

KOYUKUK

Galena
Huslia
Kaltag
Koyukuk
Nulato
Ruby

Senator Wagoner, you explained the potential impact very well in your sponsor statement: "SB 145 provides the incentives needed for exploration in this basin. Should a discovery be made, the new resource will benefit the regional economy and support businesses and families who are suffering from high energy costs and unreliable supplies."

YUKON TANANA

Alatna
Allakaket
Evansville

Fairbanks
Hughes
Lake

Minchumina
Manley Hot
Springs

Minto
Nenana
Rampart
Stevens Village

Tanana

On behalf of the Tanana Chiefs Conference region, I offer my support for SB 145. I hope your colleagues in the Alaska State Legislature will realize the importance of this bill and pass it without delay.

Thank you for your work to extend opportunities to rural Alaska.

Sincerely,

TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE

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President



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March 19, 2012

Members of the Alaska Interior Delegation
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: High Cost of Energy

Dear Members of the Interior Delegation,

The Board of Directors of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce appreciates the work that you are doing to address the high cost of energy in the Interior, the Chamber's number one priority this legislative session. Our bi-weekly teleconferences have ensured that the Chamber is informed and engaged regarding the multiple and occasionally conflicting legislative activities taking place in Juneau that impact our community.

The purpose of this letter is to **emphasize and clarify the collective priorities** of the Chamber in reducing the high cost of energy that is severely impacting our residential and business communities. After thorough review of the bills and appropriations currently being addressed this session, the Chamber provides the following recommendations for your consideration.

For the near term (less than 5 years) gas trucking project(s) from the North Slope and gas storage tax credits are the quickest approaches to bring affordable natural gas to the Interior. Immediate actions for longer term solutions include House Bill 9 and exploration tax credits. The top recommendations are summarized below:

1. Capital funding for liquefaction and vaporization facilities that are necessary to supply natural gas to the Interior of Alaska.
2. Legislation providing gas storage tax credits are critical components of supplying gas to the Interior. This methodology has been used in the South-central region to meet storage needs. The same approach and parity should be used for Interior storage needs.
3. The new version of House Bill 9 aligns with the Chamber's ongoing priority for getting reasonably priced gas to the Interior. We strongly support the work being done on a gas pipeline and will work diligently to ensure the issues, such as fair tariffs, will be addressed without preventing passage of the bill.
4. Legislation that provides tax credits for oil and gas exploration in frontier basins is an important piece of the long term energy picture for the Interior.
5. The expansion of a distribution system, as well as low cost energy conversion loans, will prove to be valuable once movement has occurred addressing the supply of natural gas.

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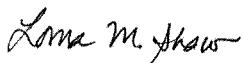
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In addition to the above recommendations, the Chamber continues to support forward movement on the Susitna/Watana Dam project and the re-start of the Healy Clean Coal Plant (HCCP). Specifically, the hydroelectric energy project is a valuable investment for the state to ensure stable electric rates for the next 100 years. The scope of the project however, should be designed for maximum benefit for the ratepayers of the Interior. Both the Susitna/Watana Dam project and HCCP would provide significant energy relief for the Interior.

We respectfully urge the Interior Delegation to act collectively in support of our recommendations.

Thank you again for your hard work,



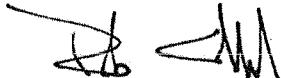
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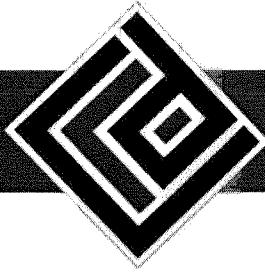
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March 12, 2012

Co-Chairs Feige and Seaton
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: House Resources Hearing on CS HB 276 – Oil and Gas Tax Credits

Dear Co-Chairs Feige and Seaton and Members of House Resources:

The Resource Development Council (RDC) writes to express support for CS HB 276, oil and gas tax credits in areas south of the Brooks Range to outside the Cook Inlet basin, including the Nenana and Selawik basins.

RDC is a statewide business association comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's oil and gas, mining, forest products, tourism and fisheries industries. RDC's membership includes Alaska Native Corporations, local communities, organized labor, and industry support firms. RDC's purpose is to encourage a strong, diversified private sector in Alaska and expand the state's economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources.

RDC supports the much needed development of oil and gas resources in Interior and western Alaska, regions that relies heavily on high priced heating fuel. Much of the area under consideration is near existing infrastructure, and Fairbanks, which could be a practical market for the oil and gas.

Not only is it a top priority for RDC to advocate for tax policy and incentives that enhance the State of Alaska's competitiveness for all industries, but also to support measures to reverse the Alaska oil and gas production decline. This includes legislation that results in new exploration and development.

Additionally, oil and gas exploration and production in Interior and rural Alaska would provide other benefits, such as new, well-paying jobs, and increased tax and royalty income to the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Marleanna Hall
Projects Coordinator
Resource Development Council