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Senator Mike Dunleavy, Chair
Senate Labor and Commerce Committee
State Capitol, Room 510
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: SB 23 Support

Senator Dunleavy,

I would like to offer support from Copper Valley Development Association, the regional ARDOR with Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development for Senate Bill 23. This bill that authorizes the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) to provide financing for a natural gas liquefaction plant and affiliated infrastructure on the North Slope and a natural gas distribution system and affiliated infrastructure within the Fairbanks North Star Borough. These facilities will make it feasible to truck liquefied natural gas from the North Slope to the Interior, and will allow for a wider distribution of gas and propane elsewhere in the state. The distribution system will then be in place for a large diameter gas line. Senate Bill 23 will help reduce the high cost of energy, bring gas to the interior by 2015, raise the number and quality of economic development projects in the state, and increase the number of jobs available to Alaskans. The establishment of this is the first step in a series of incremental steps necessary to alleviate the high cost of energy in rural Alaska, and broaden the possibilities for this region. In order for our great state to move forward, we need measures such as SB 23 to occur.

Thank you very much for your attention to this Senator, and please feel free to contact me for additional information.

Sincerely,

Jason Hoke,
Executive Director