



March 10, 2009

Senator Joe Paskvan, Chair
Senate Labor and Commerce Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room #7
Juneau, Alaska 99801

SUBJECT: Support of SB 125 - Alaska Aerospace Corporation
"An Act changing the name of the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation to Alaska Aerospace Corporation"

Dear Senator Paskvan:

The Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation completely supports this bill that changes our name to the Alaska Aerospace Corporation. We feel strongly that this name change will further assist the corporation in securing launch and other aerospace related contracts that generate significant economic benefits to Alaska by providing long-term, high paying, stable jobs; by providing local economic diversity; and by creating short-term benefits from projects and construction activities.

The launch site in Kodiak is fully operational, functioning and self supporting. The site has had 14 successful launches since November 1998. The corporation's title needs to reflect our maturity and this name change will help the organization meet its 21st century goals.

The new title, Alaska Aerospace Corporation, is unambiguous about our capabilities and will improve our ability to compete for and offer launch services to the national and international aerospace market.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale K. Nash".

Dale K. Nash
Chief Executive Officer