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The Honorable Mia Costello
Chair, Senate Labor and Commerce Committee
State Capitol, Beltz 105
Juneau, AK 99801

The Honorable Kevin Meyer
Vice Chair, Senate Labor and Commerce Committee
State Capitol, Room 103
Juneau, AK 99801

Subject: Support Senate Bill 205 – An Act relating to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Dear Chair Costello and Vice Chair Meyer:

OTZ Telephone Cooperative fully supports SB 205. OTZ Telephone serves Kotzebue, 10 villages, and the Red Dog Mine, all located within the boundaries of the Northwest Arctic Borough. As a Cooperative, it is managed by a seven member board of directors, who always have the best interests of the people of the region at heart. During my 23 years as CEO of OTZ Telephone, I've seen consumer demand evolve from plain old telephone service to high speed in-home data and wireless networks. While the way we deliver telecommunications services has greatly changed over the past 20 years, the statutes that regulate those changes have changed little over that period of time, and for this reason, OTZ Telephone fully supports SB 205.

Sincerely,

Doug Neal
CEO