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Representative Gabrielle LeDoux
House Rules Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 216
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: SB 14: An Act relating to transportation network companies and transportation network company drivers; and providing for an effective date.

Dear Rep. LeDoux,

As you know, the Alaska Municipal League was opposed, during last years' session, to HB 123 and SB 14 not because of the specific target businesses and what they provide, but instead due to the Legislature's allowance of an industry setting up business in Alaska's municipalities totally free of any local regulation. This lack of regulation put municipalities into the position of having one industry, singled out by the Legislature, that could not be required to even pay a local sales tax, as the way the bill was written, we had no way to obtain records.

To that end, the City & Borough of Juneau has been working on a solution to this dilemma and we would like to offer our full support of the House CS for CS for SB 14, which includes language allowing the municipality to require the transportation network company to collect and pay the municipal sales tax on behalf of transportation network company drivers.

We would like to thank the House for your work on this bill. The passage of this CS would simplify this issue and require TNCs to collect and pay sales tax on behalf of their drivers. This language would go a long way in correcting the problems of these original bills.

Sincerely,

Kathie Wasserman
Executive Director