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The Honorable Anna MacKinnon
Alaska State Senate
Senate Finance Committee
State Capital Building
Juneau, Alaska

Subject: Opposition to HB409, Section 5

Dear Senator MacKinnon:

Please allow me this opportunity to voice concern about Section 5 in House Bill 409. HB409 is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee, and Section 5 in particular proposes to increase municipal motor vehicle registration fees.

Within the North Slope Borough, there are numerous vehicles owned and operated by the borough. We also take responsibility and pay for the maintenance and operations of almost all of our local village roads. There will essentially be absolutely no new services or state costs for what amounts to a direct transfer of money from the coffers of local governments to the state treasury.

Thank you for your service to our state working on the many complex issues facing our state. Please know this letter is written with appreciation for all you've accomplished. As the session gets close to adjournment, hopefully you will agree that HB409 should not pass with an increase of fees on local governments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harry Brower".

Harry Brower, Jr.

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