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April 6, 2016

Senator Mia Costello  
State Capitol, Room 510  
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Support for SB 126

Dear Senator Costello,

I am writing on behalf of Anchorage Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) in support of SB 126, an act establishing an exemption for the offering and sale of certain securities. As the economy continues to slow due to low oil prices, it becomes more important than ever to ensure that we are utilizing every tool available to us as a state to unlock our innovative and entrepreneurial opportunities. This bill is an important piece of that effort.

Entrepreneurs and existing businesses across the state would benefit from the ability to raise capital from individuals across the state that support their business and want to be a part of investing in Alaska's future. Crowdfunding on a rewards basis has already been used to great effect by individuals and groups across the state; this bill would build on that success and provide additional opportunities for Alaska projects to receive funding.

I urge you to support the passage of this bill. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions about AEDC's support.

Sincerely,

Bill Popp  
President & CEO  
Anchorage Economic Development Corp.