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Mr. Kurt Olson
Representative District 33
State Capitol Room 24
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Representative Olson,

The purpose of this correspondence is to express the City of Kenai's support of House Bill 338, requested by Governor Parnell. The City will be issuing Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds in the near future and has seen the savings offered to Alaskan communities through the issuance of these bonds. The City expects to save in excess of \$400,000 on \$2,000,000 of debt over a twenty-year period. The economic activity created is real and meaningful.

House Bill 338 will facilitate greater use of these stimulus programs by Alaskan communities. Alaska was granted an allocation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act legislation and its leaders should foster the maximum use of this valuable program. House Bill 338 will allow program allocations to be moved and shared in Alaska to assure full utilization. Time is a critical factor of the program, as all debt under these programs must be issued by January 1, 2011.

Once again, the City Administration would like to express its support for House Bill 338 and encourage its scheduling at your earliest available time. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rick Koch
City Manager