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House Finance Committee
Juneau, Alaska

RE: HB 64 and HB 10

Dear Committee Members,

The Alaska Municipal League originally came out strongly against HB64 and HB10, as they both repealed the authority of municipalities to levy vehicle registration taxes. AML and the municipalities addressed those concerns during hearings in House Transportation committee meetings.

Thanks to the work of the bill's sponsor, this issue has been corrected. Our main issue has been alleviated to a large degree, in that municipalities, under the new CS, would be allowed to adjust rates to compensate for potential losses due to permanent registration. We have received a spread sheet from Mr. Breese, in Rep. Stoltze's office that enables each municipality to get a fairly accurate idea of what that loss might be.

We are not in disagreement that the reduction of time spent in line with DMV could better be spent elsewhere.

While individual municipalities may still have some concerns, AML will attempt to make this legislation work.

Thank you,

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Executive Director