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Representative Steve Thompson State Capitol Room 500 Juneau AK 99801

Dear Representative Thompson,

I am writing today in support of HB 213. Our State and the community of Fairbanks work hard to attract tourist to come to Alaska - to enjoy what Alaska offers and to support the economy. Over the past several years, we at Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation have received many phone calls and walk-in visitors asking what is there to do in Fairbanks. One of the most exciting opportunities is playing golf under the "midnight sun" but when those current and prospective visitors ask if they can get food and an evening drink while playing golf we must answer "no."

I urge you to support HB 213 and allow Alaska to offer the same or similar amenities golf courses offer all over the lower 48.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to being able to tell our next Alaska visitor, when he or she asks what's fun in Fairbanks (or Anchorage or Mat-Su or Juneau...), "you can enjoy a round of golf, dinner and an evening drink under the midnight sun."

Thank you for your consideration,

Jim Dodson President & CEO Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation