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Honorable Members of the Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee
State Capitol Building
Room #409
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Letter of Support House Bill 223: Muni Tax Exemption: Mil Facility Zone

Dear Senator Micciche & Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the over 700 businesses and organizations we represent, the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce advocates for a healthy economic environment to ensure that Fairbanks is an attractive place for both business and community. Today, we wish to express our support of House Bill 223, an act that would authorize tax exemptions in a Military Facility Zone.

Supporting the military has been a long-standing position for the Fairbanks Chamber largely due to the fact that many of our members, directly and indirectly, benefit from doing business with the Interior military installations in Alaska. As bill sponsor Representative Thompson highlighted, House Bill 223 provides a tool for local governments, in proximity to military installations, to support the economic development of projects that enhance the military's operations and its mission and the economic development goals of the community. The tax incentive would create an avenue for both private investment and private industry to better partner with the military and could potentially create new industries and new jobs in our community.

On behalf of the membership of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, thank you for your service and commitment to the State of Alaska and we encourage your support of House Bill 223.

Sincerely,

Steve Lundgren
Board of Directors, Chair

Lisa Herbert
Executive Director

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