

TYLER RENTAL INC.

April 2, 2014

Representative Kurt Olson, Chair
House Labor & Commerce Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support of CS SB 99: An act relating to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority

Dear Chairman Olson,

Tyler Rental Inc. is writing in support of CS SB 99, an act relating to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority.

Tyler Rental Inc. is an equipment rental and industrial supply company with stores throughout Southeast Alaska and Chehalis Washington. We are an Alaskan owned company and have been in business since 1989. We work with a variety of customers from large contractors, shipyards, small contractors, home owners, and the mining industry. We have experienced the ups and downs of the economy in Southeast Alaska through the years. The economy of Southeast Alaska has experienced some very difficult times including when the pulp and sawmills closed in the 1990's. Our experience in working with both the Niblack and Bokan-Dotson Ridge projects is that they have a true desire to employ local workers and support local businesses. The managers for these projects have put a tremendous effort in communicating with the local communities with the status of their projects. The support from the local communities has been very positive with a common question "when can the operation of the mines start". Our economy still has not recovered from the loss of the jobs from the timber industry. And with the reduction of state and federal spending we need the growth of the mining industry now more than ever. Mineral exploration and development projects are vital to grow our economy and provide full time good paying jobs that are difficult to find in Southeast Alaska.

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We support and encourage the expansion and increased production from existing deposits as well as new exploration and responsible development of Alaska's mineral resources. CS SB 99 will support future infrastructure and access to known mineral deposits. CS SB 99 will provide authorization for AIDEA to provide financing to help with the capital needs for the Bokan-Dotson Ridge and Niblack projects. Tyler Rental Inc. urges you to support and pass CS SB 99, authorizing AIDEA to finance the infrastructure and construction of the surface complexes of the Bokan-Dotson Ridge and Niblack projects. Southeast Alaska needs the jobs that these projects can provide to help diversify our local economies.

AIDEA has a proven track record of success in working with the mining industry and has the experience to provide the due diligence to verify these projects are viable. CS SB 99 does not require that AIDEA finance the Bokan-Dotson Ridge or Niblack projects, but authorizes AIDEA to provide financing if these projects meet AIDEA's financing criteria.

Tyler Rental Inc. encourages the passage of this bill and your support for Southeast Alaska jobs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randy Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Randy Johnson
President

Cc: Representative Lora Reinbold, Vice-Chair
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