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March 18, 2013

The Honorable Lesil McGuire Alaska State Legislature State Capitol Room 103 Juneau AK, 99801

Letter of Support for SB 140 Arctic Infrastructure and Development Fund for the RE: Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority

Dear Senator McGuire:

Thank you for sponsoring Senate Bill 140 "An Act creating the Arctic Infrastructure and development program and fund in the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority."

The Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) is a tribal 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Bethel, Alaska. AVCP serves and represents 56 federally recognized tribes that reside in small isolated villages scattered throughout the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta in an area that is approximately 59,000 square miles, roughly the size of the State of Oregon.

AVCP supports SB 140 and the investment it would create in much needed Arctic infrastructure and economic development in Arctic Alaska. AVCP especially supports the fisheries provision within SB 140 which creates increased local ownership of Alaska fisheries as we believe this provision will create much needed jobs and economic development in our rural villages.

Sincerely,

ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

Myron P. Naneng, Sr.

President