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The Honorable Bill Stoltze, Co-Chair
The Honorable Alan Austerman, Co-Chair
House Finance Committee
State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Representatives Stolze and Austerman,

As the Fairbanks North Star Borough and the State of Alaska continue to work together to meet the U.S. Clean Air Act standards for PM_{2.5} in the Fairbanks Non-Attainment Area, continued funding for the ongoing air quality mitigation program or wood stove change-out program is critical to improve air quality and demonstrate progress in the State Implementation Air Quality Plan (SIP) as required by law.

Lack of funding for this program is a serious omission and jeopardizes the successful submission of the State Air Quality Implementation Plan (SIP) due December 2014. The Borough has made significant progress using previous state appropriations to assist residents in heating their homes with more efficient and less polluting devices.

The \$2,000,000 requested by the Governor is essential to meet the Clean Air Act to improve air quality, demonstrate models or measures that effectively reduce concentrations of PM_{2.5} and successfully submit the SIP. We respectfully request that you restore funding for the Fairbanks North Star Borough Heating Device Air Mitigation program.

Respectfully,

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Luke T. Hopkins, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karl W. Kassel".

Karl Kassel, Presiding Officer

Cc: Interior Delegation and Finance Committee staff