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February 26, 2014

Honorable Members of the Alaska State Legislature,

The Alaska Arctic Policy Commission has worked to ensure that our state has a strong voice in influencing Federal Arctic Policy to recognize the needs of Alaska. In doing so it has also identified opportunities that we can take advantage of on our own without federal concurrence or intervention.

One such opportunity is also a need and that is for the development of viable infrastructure in and in support of the Arctic region. Like all infrastructures, this comes with a price and SB140/HB288 identifies a viable method for financing necessary development through the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority.

The City of Seward supports these bills and recognizes that if we as a State are to be successful in the Arctic, we must have response capability and access to resources that can only be realized at a deep water port in the Arctic. We also recognize that developing such port or ports will require logistic and staging area support from outside the immediate Arctic region, and we must be prepared to address that need as well. If we as a state cannot provide that basic level of support, we fear that entities outside of the State of Alaska will do so instead. It would be a sad statement for our entry into the Arctic to be launched by another state.

The city requests your support for passage of SB140 and companion HB288 as a capitalization mechanism to develop the port infrastructure necessary to prosper in the Arctic.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your work in making the Arctic opportunities a reality.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Hunt".

James Hunt
City Manager,
Seward, Alaska

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March 18, 2013

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

RE: Letter of Support for SB 140 Arctic Infrastructure and Development Fund for the 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. Nanang, Sr.
President



Senator Lesil McGuire
Office of Senator McGuire
Rules Committee Chair
State Capitol, Room 103
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

February 27, 2014

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." As you are aware through your work as a Senator and Co-Chair of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission, there are significant infrastructure needs in rural Alaska and the Arctic in particular. High energy costs, lack of transportation infrastructure (roads and ports), lack of broadband, etc. are significant barriers to developing the economy of Arctic communities and pose challenges protection of subsistence resources, safe maritime transportation and resource development in the Arctic. Addressing these existing gaps in basic infrastructure will require significant investment.

NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. (NANA) is one of the 13 Regional Alaska Native corporations created pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) of 1971. NANA has more than 13,500 shareholders descended from the Iñupiat of Northwest Alaska, 6,000 of which live within the NANA region. The Arctic is and will continue to be our home for many generations to come. NANA's mission is to improve the quality of life for our people by maximizing economic growth, protecting and enhancing our lands, and promoting healthy communities with decisions, and behaviors inspired by our Iñupiat Illitqisiat values consistent with our core principles.

NANA works to evaluate how it can enhance lands and utilize other resources to improve the economic conditions for its shareholders in Northwest Alaska while protecting our subsistence culture and resources. We sought, and continue to seek partners to work with us in this mission. As a region we recognize how AIDEA can play a critical role in resource development projects through infrastructure development like the Delong Mountain Transportation System. Our work evaluating the barriers to economic development has shown that the most significant challenges in developing the economy or in being prepared to protect our subsistence and human resources are the high cost of energy and lack of infrastructure. Tackling these challenges will require public and private partnerships and direct investment from the state and federal governments. AIDEA can continue to be an important part of the solution for the Arctic through SB 140.

Sincerely,

Marie N. Greene

President and CEO

CC:

Senator Donny Olson

Representative Ben Nageak

North Slope Borough

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Charlotte E. Brower, Mayor

March 19, 2014

The Honorable Lesil McGuire
Alaska State Senate
State Capital Room 103
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Subject: Support for Senate Bill 140

Dear Senator McGuire:

This letter is to express support for SB140, an Act creating the Arctic Infrastructure and development program and fund in AIDEA. Your efforts to call attention to the need for Arctic infrastructure as the Co-Chair of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission are greatly appreciated.

As the world looks toward the Arctic for future development, there is a growing need for the development of infrastructure in order to meet the demands of public and private concerns. Everything from basic logistics, staging, marine servicing, communications, emergency response, and transportation systems are currently lacking.

All levels of government – federal, state, and municipal – will need to work in conjunction with the private sector to plan, design, permit, finance, and build all these systems. The mechanisms in SB140 are a good way to begin to set up a means for all of these entities to join forces. Through the use of loans, loan guarantees, and access to low-cost capital, AIDEA can provide the tools to start public-private partnerships.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer our support for this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Charlotte E. Brower'.

Charlotte Brower, Mayor
North Slope Borough

cc: Senator Donald Olson
Representative Ben Nageak



March 20, 2013

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

The Honorable Peter Micciche
State Capitol Room 125
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: Letter of Support for SB 140 Arctic Infrastructure and Development Fund for AIDEA

Dear Senator McGuire and Senator Micciche:

Thank you for your recent efforts on Senate Bill 140 "An Act creating the Arctic infrastructure development program and fund in the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority." Lack of infrastructure in the Arctic represents a significant barrier to economic development.

Pt Public Policy (PtPP) is at the forefront of international, national, and statewide Arctic policy. PtPP is part of the Pt Capital family of companies, which collectively are focused on responsibly developing the Arctic through thoughtful policy, global investment, public private partnerships, and working with Alaska Native corporations and rural Alaska villages.

PtPP supports SB 140; a progressive economic development and infrastructure bill sponsored by Senator McGuire that strengthens the capabilities of AIDEA to invest in Arctic resource development, international shipping and trade, and fisheries through infrastructure development, financing, and public and private partnerships.

AIDEA currently does not have the authority to finance fisheries, the third largest industry in Alaska. Importantly, Senator Micciche introduced an Amendment in the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee to include a provision in SB 140 focused on increasing local ownership of Alaskan fisheries by combining the State of Alaska's strong credit rating and low cost of capital to provide Alaskans more affordable large-scale fisheries financing. This fisheries provision is consistent with the broader bill and makes it a much stronger bill. The fisheries provision will spur economic development and create jobs, especially in coastal communities within Alaska, and urge more of Alaska's fisheries to be owned by Alaskans. The beauty of the provision is that it provides these benefits without a subsidy and limited risk to the State. The profits earned by Alaskan fisheries will stay largely in Alaska, positively affecting the broader Alaska economy.

Thank you for your time and your efforts on behalf of Alaska's Arctic and Alaska fisheries.

Sincerely,
PT PUBLIC POLICY, LLC

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Sarah L. Lukin
Chief Operating Officer



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The Honorable Senator Mike Dunleavy,
Chair, Alaska Senate Labor and Commerce Committee

I am writing to you today to express support for the passage of SB 140 that would create an Arctic Infrastructure Program/ Fund within AIDEA. The Arctic is the future of Alaska, and we must invest in infrastructure now if we are to have a place of meaning in the new global frontier that is the Arctic region. Industry has responded to the call of public investment with the Interior Energy Project and the time is now to further additional public-private investments within Alaska. The era of “easy money” is approaching its end in our state and the age of “smart money” is now upon us. Enabling AIDEA through the creation of an Arctic Infrastructure Program/ Fund and the additional powers that SB 140 provides is an investment in “smart money” for the future of Alaska. I appreciate your consideration in seeing this important opportunity for Alaska’s future become a reality.

Sincerely,

Stephen Trimble | President
Trimble Strategies, LLC