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Representative Mike Hawker State Capitol, Room 502 Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: HB 4 Support

Representative Hawker,

I would like to offer support from Copper Valley Development Association, the regional ARDOR with Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development for House Bill 4. This bill provides framework for the Alaska Gasline Development Corportation (AGDC) and a natural gas distribution system and affiliated infrastructure within the state of Alaska. These facilities will make it feasible to deliver liquefied natural gas from the North Slope to the Interior, and will allow for a wider distribution of gas and propane elsewhere in the state. House Bill 4 will help reduce the high cost of energy, bring gas to the interior, raise the number and quality of economic development projects in the state, and increase the number of jobs available to Alaskans. The establishment of this is the first step in a series of incremental steps necessary to alleviate the high cost of energy in rural Alaska, and broaden the possibilities for this region. In order for our great state to move forward, we need measures such as HB 4 to occur.

Thank you very much for your attention to this Representative, and please feel free to contact me for additional information.

Sincerely,

Jason Hoke,

**Executive Director**