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The Honorable Kurt Olson
Representative
Chair, Labor & Commerce
Capitol Room 24
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: HB 74 LNG Project Fairbanks

Dear Representative Olson:

On behalf of the Teamster members that we represent not only in the Fairbanks and outer area, but statewide, I ask that you and your committee members support and move forward HB 74, which authorizes AIDEA to provide financing and bonds for a much needed natural gas production and distribution system, within the Fairbanks North Star Borough. I personally have lived in Alaska for 38 years so I am familiar with the high cost and the limited availability of gas in interior Alaska.

I also am a member of the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce and know well the challenged economic growth we continue to experience due in large part to the high cost of energy. I am also aware of the impact energy costs are having on our military bases in the interior. We represent members that could find themselves without employment as a direct result of the energy cost.

In addition to the above, the passage of HB 74 will create a much needed infrastructure and we believe, hundreds of jobs, directly and indirectly by bringing LNG to the Fairbanks community. While it may be only a temporary fix, it is a fix that is much needed for the second largest community in our state.

Help us help our community and the state by supporting and passing HB 74 from your committee.

Your time and effort regarding this very important matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Rick Boyles
Secretary-Treasurer

c: Representative Chenault, Representative Herron, Representative Millett,
Representative Reinbold, Representative Saddler, Representative Josephson

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