

February 25, 2013

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 23 AND HOUSE BILL 74: Authorizing the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to provide financing and issue bonds for a liquefied natural gas production system and natural gas distribution system; and providing for an effective date.

Resolution #13-1

Whereas; the Alaska Regional Development Organizations (ARDOR) was established by the Alaska Legislature in 1988; and

Whereas; the ARDOR's statutory mandate is to encourage the formation of regions development organizations to prepare and implement regional development strategies; and

Whereas; the ARDOR's represent a diverse network of public, private and economic development groups that drive local initiatives and advance economic diversification through partnerships with state and local governments; and

Whereas; the ARDOR's established the Alaska Partnership for Economic Development, (APED), in 2009, to advance economic development and address initiatives affecting development and to help develop a state-wide comprehensive strategic plan; and

Whereas; the ARDOR/APED programs have established partnerships with more than 300 local, regional, private, municipal and public organizations to pool resources, decrease duplication and foster new businesses; and

Whereas; the APED now comes in support of the following legislation being considered by the Alaska State Legislature:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Alaska Partnership for Economic Development supports **SENATE BILL 23 AND HOUSE BILL 74; : "An Act relating to development project financing by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; relating to the dividends from the Alaska Industrial and Export Authority; authorizing the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to provide financing and issue bonds for a liquefied natural gas production system and natural gas distribution system; and providing for an effective date."**

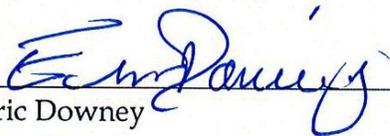
APPROVED THIS 25th OF February 2013



Jason Hoke
President

2-25-13
Date

ATTEST:



Eric Downey
Secretary

2/25/2013
Date

Konrad Jackson

From: Anna Atchison <atchison49@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 12:36 PM
To: representative.kurk.olson@akleg.gov; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Charisse Millett; reprepresentative.dan.saddler@akleg.gov; Rep. Andy Josephson
Cc: Rep. Doug Isaacson; Rep. Pete Higgins; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Steve Thompson; lisa@fairbankschamber.org; Sen. Click Bishop; senator.pete.kelly@akleg.org; senator.john.coghill@akleg.org
Subject: Letter of Support - HB 74 (SB23) Interior Alaska Energy Plan

Chairman Olson & Members of the House Labor & Commerce Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for HB74.

Interior and northern Alaska must see trucking legislation passed this year. We are witnessing the daily exodus of our neighbors, business owners, family and friends. We are truly struggling and we are at a critical juncture in our region's history.

I am a lifelong Alaskan, born and raised in the Mat-Su Valley. My parents moved to Alaska from the Lower 48 and homesteaded on the base of the Talkeetna Mountains. They moved here to pursue a life fruitful in freedoms and in the ability to DREAM big and make those dreams a reality.

For those of us in interior Alaska, and for our northern neighbors most affected by stifling energy costs and conversely by the budding fruits of HB 74, the pursuit of such freedoms and the ability to dream big no longer exists. Instead, we gauge our ability to SURVIVE on the amounts of our monthly heating and electricity bills. I submit to you that this is simply not acceptable. We are one great state, we succeed together and we fail together.

I urge you to make the right decision, the decision that fertilizes the fruit of success. I urge you to vote yes on HB 74 and move us forward with the accompanying appropriation in the capital budget. Thank you so much for your service to our great state.

Sincerely,

Anna Atchison
1351 Gilmore Trail
Fairbanks, AK 99712
House District 2, Senate District A

cc:
Fairbanks Interior Delegation
Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce

Konrad Jackson

From: Tony Johansen <TJohansen@grtnw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 11:36 AM
To: Konrad Jackson
Cc: Rep. Pete Higgins
Subject: House Bill 74, The Liquid Natural Gas production and distribution system funding bill

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Dear House Labor and Commerce Committee Members:

I was born and raised in Fairbanks. In 1956 my family moved into our new home on the Chena River. It was heated with coal, a heat source that worked well for a small community in the 1950's. In 1967 our home was flooded. As part of the repairs my parents replaced the coal heat with electric heat. Golden Valley Electric Association had recently completed the Healy Intertie, had cheap power and was encouraging the use of electric heat. Just a few years later the cost of electricity rose substantially and my parents moved to oil heat. Jump ahead 40 years and I am heating my own home with oil, 2,000 gallons per year. Over the past few years, the price of oil has ballooned to \$4/gallon. It costs me approximately \$667 per month to heat my home. It is once again time to change heating sources. Fairbanksans cannot afford to continue heating their homes with oil nor can we afford the degraded air quality that wood and coal heat bring.

I encourage you to support House Bill 74, the Liquid Natural Gas Production and Distribution System funding bill. Fairbanks cannot afford the \$225,000,000 per year drain on its economy brought by oil heat nor the diminished air quality brought by wood heat.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anton (Tony) K. Johansen

Konrad Jackson

From: Billy Blackburn <billy@wesmadden.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 12:15 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: Support for the North Slope Trucking Project

Chairman Dunleavy,

I am emailing in support of the Governor's bill (SB 23) to facilitate the trucking of liquefied natural gas from the North Slope to the interior.

Affordable energy is desperately needed in the interior of Alaska. The cost of heating and electricity surpass the cost of many families mortgages. It is causing more and more people to move out of the area seeking relief from the heavy burden of just trying to survive. Lower energy costs would also assist in lowering the PM 2.5 levels and providing better air quality. But right now it the cost of oil leaves some with no choice but to heat with wood.

Our state is rich with energy yet interior residents are poor from energy costs, this seems broken!

I urge you to support the Governor's bill!

Billy Blackburn

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Konrad Jackson

From: briangnoffo@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 10:41 AM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: Fairbanks Ig

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In response to the daily news minor article about Fairbanks towns people not being interested in truckable gas for the interior. I live in Fairbanks and the cost of energy is stifling our community and is putting a huge burden on my family financially please approve house bill 74!

Brian Gnoffo
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Konrad Jackson

From: Bryant Saldarriaga <bryantsaldarriaga@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 7:39 PM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: House Bill 74

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Fairbanks wants liquid natural gas! I live in Fairbanks so get your facts straight before you open your mouth!

Sent from my iPhone

Konrad Jackson

From: Cassie Pinkel <cassiepinkel_ehs@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 1:49 PM
To: Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: Konrad Jackson
Subject: Letter of Support - HB 74 (SB23) Interior Alaska Energy Plan

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Chairman Olson & Members of the House Labor & Commerce Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for HB74 in lieu of being able to testify at the March 13th L&C hearing. It has been mentioned that support is needed from Interior and Rural Alaska for this legislation, please accept this letter as **my support for HB74**.

Many thanks for hearing this bill and working to address the issue of high energy costs in Interior and Rural Alaska. This bill has great potential to positively impact Fairbanks, the Interior and Rural Alaska. The ability to truck LNG from the North Slope to the Interior will offer an alternative and cost effective fuel source providing the ability to reduce dependence on fuel oil. Interior Alaska needs options. We need to be able to afford to live and GROW. Opportunities like the one proposed in HB74 offer our residents and businesses in Interior and Rural Alaska lower utility costs. Lower utilities costs equal direct savings to residents and businesses helping to not just maintain our economy but to GROW our economy and commerce. The trucking of LNG is a great bridge project to a more long-term project of building a gas pipeline. It is complimentary to other projects that aim to build a small-diameter or large-diameter gas pipeline and I do not feel it is competing against those projects.

The stated goal of securing a supply of natural gas at \$15/MMBTU to the greatest number of Interior residents and businesses in the shortest amount of time can be accomplished by the passage of this bill and the accompanying appropriation in the capital budget THIS legislative session.

Thank you for your service to this state.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Pinkel

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Fairbanks, AK 99709
House District 5, Senate District C

cc:
Fairbanks Interior Delegation
Fairbanks Community Members

Konrad Jackson

From: Chad Roberts <croberts@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 9:18 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: Konrad Jackson
Subject: HB 74

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Dear Rep. Olson,

I am a commercial realtor and property owner here in Fairbanks. Please support HB 74, which will help facilitate a less expensive energy to the residents of Fairbanks and eventually interior Alaska. We are suffering greatly here. Cost of energy is driving the population and the prosperity down in this area.

Thank you for you consideration.

Chad Roberts

Roberts Realty, Broker

907-452-2435

Konrad Jackson

From: Chris Mancuso <chris.mancuso2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 9:55 AM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: House Bill 74

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in reference to house bill 74. This bill would greatly benefit the Fairbanks area. I would like to show my support of this bill in hopes that myself and other Fairbanks residents can reap the rewards.

Thank you.

Chris Mancuso
2805 Cowles St
Fairbanks AK 99701

Sent from my iPhone

Konrad Jackson

From: A & W Wholesale Co., Inc. <awsale@alaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 11:51 AM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Cc: "":lisa@fairbankschamber.org"@huffman.acsalaska.net
Subject: HB 74

As a Fairbanks business owner for over 40 years we are deeply concerned with the continuously rising cost of energy in our area. Heating oil alone has gone from \$1.33 per gallon to almost \$4.00 per gallon since we built our new building in 2000. An increase of about 200%. Without some kind of energy cost relief we cannot continue to compete with outside businesses or even businesses in Anchorage who enjoy considerable lower energy costs because of the availability of natural gas. As one drives around this community and sees more and more unoccupied commercial buildings one can only be concerned about the economic health of Fairbanks and the towns and villages that it supports. Local businesses cannot afford to pay their employees enough to keep up with these rising costs. Our business has not filled 3 employee vacancies as we struggle to keep the fuel tank filled and the electricity bill paid as well as all other rising costs directly related to energy. Jobs are being lost. Families are moving away because they can no longer afford to live here.

This area has suffered long enough with this problem. Trucking natural gas to the interior of Alaska is the quickest solution to provide all interior communities with affordable energy.

Cindy Walker

Co-owner

A & W Wholesale Co., Inc.

2525 Phillips Field Road

Fairbanks, AK 99709

907-452-2138

Konrad Jackson

From: Thomas Studler
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 4:32 PM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: FW: Endorsing HB 74

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*Thanks,
Tom*

Begin forwarded message:

From: Connie Adkins <cmax271@gmail.com>
Date: March 13, 2013, 7:50:09 AM AKDT
To: Rep.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov, Rep.Mike.Chenault@akleg.gov,
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Rep.Bob.Herron@akleg.gov, tammie.k.wilson@gmail.com,
dentaldoc@alaska.net
Subject: Endorsing HB 74

As a resident of the North Pole/Fairbanks area, I request that you strongly consider the appropriation for a gas liquidization plant on the North Slope. As a resident paying top prices for heating oil here in the Interior, I feel that this would be the first step toward relief. I pay thousands of dollars during the year for heating oil and wood in order to keep warm enough. As a senior citizen this is a great burden. I love Alaska and do not want to move to a warmer climate just to keep from freezing in the winter. Our state has the resources to keep us warm, produce electricity for our use, and fuel numerous other services that we need. Let's get cracking on using them for the Interior people.

Thank you for your time.

Constance Adkins
PO Box 56154
North Pole, AK 99705

Konrad Jackson

From: David Van Den Berg <dvd3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 12:09 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: support for HB 74

Dear House Labor and Commerce Committee members:

I want to let you know how utterly supportive I am of the gas trucking plan. We in the Interior have been paralyzed by an overabundance of supply-side possibilities to address our ridiculously high cost of energy.

The gas trucking plan and all its components has merit, is VERY likely to reduce space heating costs SUBSTANTIALY, FITS into a number of future scenarios involving gas (rather than undermining those scenarios, as critics claim) and is of the perfect scale to be done RIGHT NOW . . . so I urge you to support passage of HB 74.

Thank you.

David van den Berg
332 Slater Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99701

PS: My wife and I just installed an \$11,000 oil boiler (without rebates from AHFC) and we STILL support gas trucking!

Konrad Jackson

From: Thomas Studler
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 4:34 PM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: FW: HB 74

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*Thanks,
Tom*

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From: dlh119@gmail.com
Date: March 12, 2013, 11:20:55 PM AKDT
To: "Rep.Kurt.Olson@akleg.gov" <Rep.Kurt.Olson@akleg.gov>, "Rep.Mike.Chenault@akleg.gov" <Rep.Mike.Chenault@akleg.gov>
Cc: "Rep.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov" <Rep.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>, rep.bob.herron@akleg.gov, "Rep.charisse.millett@akleg.gov" <Rep.charisse.millett@akleg.gov>, "Rep.Dan.Saddler@akleg.gov" <Rep.Dan.Saddler@akleg.gov>, "Rep.Andy.josephson@akleg.gov" <Rep.Andy.josephson@akleg.gov>, "tammie.k.wilson@gmail.com" <tammie.k.wilson@gmail.com>, "dentaldoc@alaska.net" <dentaldoc@alaska.net>
Subject: HB 74

Dear Representative Olson, Speaker Chenault and other honored Representatives:

My name is Diane Hutchison. I am a local Certified Public Accountant in Fairbanks and am also currently serving my second term as the Presiding Officer of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly. We have two major issues in the Fairbanks area that affect the economy of the entire State, not just our area.

1. High energy costs
2. Air quality - PM 2.5 pollution and non attainment of Federal standards.

No area of the State is independent of other areas of the State, whether it is Fairbanks, Anchorage, communities on the North Slope, in Southeast, or the communities that are tied to the vast Yukon River system. If one area of the State does not survive there will be direct fallout to other areas. HB74 will help the entire State, not just our area. Propane could be distributed along our river systems and highways to help lower energy costs to all small communities. A distribution system that is built and set in motion by the passage of HB74 will make areas ready to hook up when a gas pipeline is actually built.

If the EPA determines that Fairbanks air quality is not meeting the goals they have established, the effect on Federal funding for the entire State could be impacted. This would be an unnecessary travesty if we can get enough residences

to convert from wood burning to natural gas. This is good for business, it is even better for our public health. I was born and raised in Alaska and it sickens me to look over our Borough from the surrounding hills and see the brown haze of smoke cloaking the low lying areas.

These two issues affect every industry and economic engine in the Fairbanks North Star Borough - from how the University will heat its campus when a new power plant must be built, to why will students want to come to a polluted area for school, how can the Flint Hills Refinery survive if it can not obtain cheaper energy to use to make its product (which in turn affects the Alaska Railroad and jobs along the railbelt, the Ports of Anchorage, Seward, etc.), the mines that surround the Interior and could possibly be built in outlying areas of the State if gas or propane were available for cheaper electrical and heat, the military - how can more personnel be moved to an area that is already suffering from air pollution, tourism - winter tourism can not be helped by badly polluted air, small businesses - the fact is, they just can't survive many more years of extremely high energy costs, which in turn will affect the other Interior communities they serve and suppliers and shippers in other parts of the great State.

From my Golden Valley electric bill yesterday:

Fuel & Purchased power @.11078, Utility charge @.09597, Regulatory Cost @.000568 -

AS you can see, well over \$.20 per Kwh.

I have many businesses for clients and high energy costs are choking their businesses, they are choking their customers disposable income and we are all choking on dirty, polluted air in the winter temperatures, which as most of you know, is the bulk of our year.

Any help and support you can offer for passage of HB74 will be sincerely appreciated. From a fellow Alaskan and someone who appreciates all of the tireless effort you put into each issue that comes before you.

Sincerely,
Diane Hutchison
140 Falcon Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99712
908-978-9109 cell

Sent from my iPad

Konrad Jackson

From: Carolyn & Don Gray <dcgray@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 3:17 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: We Support HB74 RE: Trucking NS Natural Gas to the Interior

To: Alaska House Labor and Commerce Committee
attention: Rep. Kurt Olson, Chair
Alaska State Legislature

From: Don Gray
Fairbanks, AK
907-457-5737
dcgray@mac.com

Dear Representative Olson and members of the House Labor and Commerce Committee,

My wife and I are 42-year residents of Fairbanks, own our home and are retired. Our last oil delivery of over 500# gallons of fuel oil cost over \$2000. We are not alone in the majority of Interior residents who are finding the cost of heating our homes stretching our budgets given four years of increases.

We recognize the immediate and temporary nature of trucking natural gas from the North Slope to Fairbanks. It is not a final solution, but it is vital for many of us in the Interior until a better solution can be built.

Please pass HB74 to assist the gas trucking project. Sorry we can't be in your hearing room today, but please accept this written testimony in favor of helping fund clean and economical heating fuel availability for the Interior.

Very truly yours,

Don and Carolyn Gray

Konrad Jackson

From: Doug Smith <DSmith@fngas.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 3:46 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Cc: lisa@fairbankschamber.org
Subject: Support for HB74

I urge your support of HB74 - the North Slope LNG Trucking Project.

I am the Project Director for Polar LNG, LLC, one of the entities that responded to AIDEA's request for letters of interest in the Governor's proposed plan for financing a project to deliver energy cost relief to Interior Alaska. I am also a resident of Fairbanks, and would be highly supportive of this project, even if I were not directly involved.

This bill is worthy of funding because it accomplishes several goals which benefit Interior Alaska and the State at large.

- 1) It will deliver natural gas and propane at half the present cost of oil. The costs are not directly indexed to oil, providing a low risk that oil would become a less costly alternative during the life of natural gas project.
- 2) Natural gas is a cleaner burning fuel, and will help alleviate the air quality issues in Fairbanks and North Pole.
- 3) Due to the energy cost savings, approximately \$200 million will be available to circulate throughout the economy.
- 4) The concept of trucking LNG is well proven, and is currently in use in Alaska and in many areas of the lower 48.
- 5) This project is the fastest path to providing clean burning, lower priced natural gas, and can provide a bridge solution until a pipeline is developed.
- 6) The combination of direct investment and low cost loans offers the State a return on capital, and provides interior Alaska residents much needed energy cost relief.

I look forward to your positive action on this important bill.

Sincerely,

Doug Smith
2584 Riverview Dr
Fairbanks, AK

Konrad Jackson

From: Drake <drake@fairbanksemail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 1:30 PM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: House bill 74

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I support house bill 74 trucking natural gas to the interior.

Drake Ackerman
Member local 1547
Fairbanks,AK

Sent from my iPhone

Konrad Jackson

From: Dudlee Pense <ddp27@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 12:44 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Cc: lisa@fairbankschamber.org
Subject: In support of SB 23

I am writing today in support of SB 23 in response to the remark that there did not appear to be much public support for the proposal.

I would much rather have a pipeline but since that seems to be beyond the capabilities of any official entity. Since the private companies do not seem to be interested either, I have a feeling that day will be never. A pipeline has been discussed for years and nothing has progressed much at this time.

Given the fact that fuel bills in Fairbanks are double Anchorage and the other Southeast communities costs for heating, I feel this would be the best alternative at this time to providing a reasonable fuel cost for the Interior residents. Some of the older homes in Fairbanks have run fuel costs of \$1300 for 30-45 days of use. Many of the people inhabiting those homes are unable to afford retrofitting for more energy efficiency and often do not qualify for the other weatherization programs. Several acquaintances have already left the state due to the cost of living here and more specifically, the cost of heat and electricity. Speaking with other friends, almost all have had at least one neighbor or friend leave before the cost of heat and lights buried them in debt so deep they could not get out.

That is one thing that not a lot of the public letters have mentioned in the past. I do not have the exact figures although they were, I believe, published some time ago in the newspaper. Electric costs for SE and Anchorage are also much lower than Fairbanks due to the fuel surcharge imposed by GVEA in an effort to continue making money/breaking even.

Between heating costs and electricity, my husband and i have been seriously wondering if we are going to be able to retire here as we have always planned. We have lived in Anchorage for about five years , then a brief time Outside and back to Fairbanks for the past 33 years. Our mortgage is almost paid in full and will be by the time we are ready to retire. But even with our careful planning and investments, staying in Fairbanks will be touch and go as costs will continue to rise for fuel oil and electricity (due to fuel oil costs). With an affordable heating solution, staying where we are is a much more viable option.

I find it hard to explain to friends and family in the lower 48 just why our fuel bills and gas costs are so much higher than their costs. Given the fact that we are considered an energy-rich state, it makes it even harder to explain.

Please consider these items when discussing the outcome of SB 23. I know Fairbanks is smaller and often considered not as important as other areas, but we are part of Alaska and are very important to a number of the rural communities as well.

Thank you for your attention to this email.

Dudlee S. Pense
Fairbanks AK 99709-3434

Konrad Jackson

From: Eric <ericdman2357@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 12:06 PM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: In support of house bill 74

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I support house bill 74. The more energy options we have the better off we are.

Eric dickman

Sent from my iPhone

Konrad Jackson

From: Eric Slay <ericslay90@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 10:11 AM
To: Konrad Jackson

Mr. Jackson,

I have lived in Fairbanks my whole life, and I really feel that a natural gas trucking program would be beneficial for Alaska. Not only would it help the interior but the rest of Alaska as well. Jobs would be provided for many people, and it would lower the cost of living for everyone. It is very expensive to live here, and with natural gas available we could have an opportunity to lower our bills, hopefully to something similar to the cost of living in the Anchorage, Soldotna, or Kenai. The gassification and liquification plants would be a massive work load, putting people to work from all over the state for a couple years. Then the trucking process would provide full time jobs for teamsters and plant operators.

Please consider passing the bill to authorize a natural gas trucking program.

From a life long Alaskan,

Eric Slay.

Konrad Jackson

From: Heidi L. Giles <HLGiles@gvea.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 10:03 AM
To: Konrad Jackson
Cc: Rep. Pete Higgins
Subject: HB 74

Rep Jackson:

I am writing about the LNG trucking project. Please make this a priority in your Committee meeting today. LNG for the Interior will lower electric bills, water bills, and potentially the cost of goods since stores heating costs will be lower. Breathing issues will also decrease due to lower emissions.

The cost of living in the Interior is high and many sacrifice other needs to stay in such a wonderful community minded area.

Thank you for considering my request.

Heidi Giles

Interior Resident

Konrad Jackson

From: Helen Renfrew <hrenfrew@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 11:56 AM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Cc: lisa@fairbankschamber.org
Subject: SUPPORT FOR THE NORTH SLOPE TRUCKING PROJECT (HOUSE BILL 74)

As a Fairbanks resident, I strongly request that you support House Bill 74. Interior Alaska residents pay the highest energy cost in the nation among urban areas. I recently heard from a friend that her Fairbanks energy costs over 3 months equal what her stateside father pays for an entire year. Rural Alaskan residents pay two to three times the amount for energy that Fairbanksans pay. In a state as rich in resources as Alaska is, this is a travesty. Trucking LNG from the slope is the quickest solution to our energy crisis, and it is a crisis. Businesses are closing; residents are moving; the economy is lagging; our military installations are in jeopardy.

As the political leaders in our state, I ask that you take action that will benefit the Interior citizens of Alaska, urban and rural. The preparations for distributing trucked gas (and propane outside of the gas distribution system), both on the slope and in the Interior, will allow us to be able to capitalize on a gas pipeline - small diameter or large - if and when it happens. But we cannot wait. Fairbanks has been waiting for natural gas for over 50 years. Please act now and vote in favor of this bill.

Helen Renfrew
4097 Yvonne Ave.
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907-322-8145

Konrad Jackson

From: Jason R Gootee <jrgootee@uas.alaska.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 11:06 AM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: HB 74

Please note my support of HB 74 and the natural gas trucking plan for Interior Alaska. As a former Fairbanks resident (but still current Alaskan in the Mat-Su Valley) I understand the vital importance of reducing energy costs for Fairbanks and the Interior. Rep. Olson's comments regarding a lack of public support were concerning and not in line with what I've seen from people in Fairbanks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jason

Konrad Jackson

From: Jennifer.P.Bump@wellsfargo.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 2:00 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: HB74

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of HB74. I believe the Governor's three-pronged approach of providing 1) low interest, long term loans; 2) gas storage tax credits that passed last session; and 3) state general fund dollars are the right financial tools to build out and supply a natural gas infrastructure for Interior and Rural Alaska. It is imperative that the legislature pass HB74 this session in order to provide gas to the Interior in the near term. Our Interior business and residents need relief from the high cost of energy in our area and the natural gas trucking project is the way to make that happen. Please move this bill forward as soon as possible to ensure legislative action this session.

Thank you,
Jennifer

Jennifer P Bump
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Konrad Jackson

From: Lynch, Jim <Jim.Lynch@bannerhealth.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 12:59 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: Yes on HB 74

Representative Olson and Committee Members:

I want to weigh-in in support of the gas trucking support proposed in HB 74. This is the number one priority for our region. I think you will find that the community members overwhelmingly support this endeavor. It is the best near-term investment that we can make relative to energy and the economy. This is the year to make this solution a reality.

I am genuinely concerned about the cost of energy impact on our economy and directly on the families that make a home here.

We in the interior respectfully request your support.

Sincerely,

Jim L. Lynch

Chief Finance Officer

Fairbanks Memorial Hospital / Denali Center

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Konrad Jackson

From: Jan Plaquet <jandjplaquet@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 12:57 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: House Bill 74

Fairbanks needs cheaper energy and I support House Bill 74. Heating oil in my home is now over \$ 4.00 a gallon and I use over 1500 gallons a year to heat my home. Trucking natural gas in the short term solution will bridge Fairbanks till a gas pipeline gets here.

Thanks for all the hard work you are doing on this important issue to the Interior.

Jim Plaquet
1444 2nd Ave
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Konrad Jackson

From: Johnnie Dartt <jdartt@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 3:03 PM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: HB 74 Trucking Natural Gas

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Dear Mr. Jackson,

It is in our paper this morning that Mr. Olson does not believe there is enough support for the Trucking Natural Gas to Fairbanks Project (HB 74). Please understand the data is clear. Our utilities costs are enormous especially in the winter months. I have several friends that are moving out of state this summer just because of the utility costs. Why should we have to beg our representatives to do this project? I suspect that Mr. Olson's utility bills are not even close to what we see on a regular basis. So, it must be very difficult for him or any other member of our government that does not have high utility costs to be empathetic to our plight.

Please know that I strongly support HB 74 (Trucking Natural Gas to Fairbanks Project)!!

Thank you for your time,

Mrs. Johnnie L. Dartt

Konrad Jackson

From: Joyce Spencer <joyce@wesmadden.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 11:47 AM
To: 'hlac@akleg.gov'
Subject: North Slope Trucking Project

I am writing in support of the North Slope Trucking Project. As a Realtor and advocate for housing in the Fairbanks area, I see on a regular basis home owners and buyers who are struggling with the cost of heat and electricity in the interior. It has impacted the lives of our clients as well as our company. For the past several years I have seen homeowners spend more on heating costs than their mortgage payments. People are living paycheck to paycheck and many are leaving, not because they want to, but because they cannot afford to live here. We need a plan in place to help reduce the energy costs, and the North Slope Trucking Project offers some relief to that.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: ksingh@mosquionet.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 1:57 PM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: LNG

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You can't hear our support for the Trucking of LNG because we are all choking from all the wood and coal smoke that everyone is burning because they can't afford diesel fuel. YES I SUPPORT THE TRUCKING OF LNG TO FAIRBANKS. Did you hear that

Karm S. Singh

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Konrad Jackson

From: Ken Hall <KHALL@Itia.lynden.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 1:41 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Cc: Lisa Herbert; Ken Hall
Subject: HB74 Support

March 13, 2013

House Labor and Commerce Committee

RE: Support of HB74 (Natural Gas Trucking)

Thank you for your service to the State of Alaska and its citizens.

I have lived in interior Alaska for many years as my parents and grandparents. I enjoy Alaska and the many wonderful opportunities the State has to offer; wonderful people, a unique country that we all can cherish. We all would like to leave an Alaska to our children where they can have the same opportunities to raise their families and enjoy Alaska as many of us have.

One of the greatest challenges to raising a family in interior Alaska is the cost of energy and space heat. Although Alaska has many resources available we have not made these resources available for many of its citizens. The cost of energy continues to increase and take a large share of income of its residents. I work in private industry in Fairbanks and have had first hand experience of employees leaving to seek employment elsewhere's because of the high cost of space heat in the interior, this is a trend we must do what ever we can to reverse. We can not simply take a do nothing stance and expect conditions will improve they will not.

Before you is HB74 a Natural Gas Trucking bill. There has been considerable conversation and work done on means to supply interior Alaska with natural gas, the proposal needs to move forward. The bill offers potentially the fastest means to supply natural gas to interior Alaska including Fairbanks with a target price almost half of current levels. The bill can benefit many smaller communities with the gas storage credits previously passed. There is also an opportunity to supply lower cost propane to many of Alaska's communities with lower cost propane.

Aside from the cost benefits to the interior there is the added benefit of a cleaner fuel than many of the alternatives. Both North Pole and Fairbanks communities continue to struggle with poor air quality issues caused by burning alternative fuels. The health issues are real and have significant consequences to many of interior citizens.

Often the trucking natural gas is viewed as a Fairbanks issue and may lack support beyond communities not directly connected by interior roads. This can not be further from the situation, natural gas trucking to interior Alaska is an opportunity to supply a lower cost energy to much of Alaska and

Alaska as a whole will benefit from a healthier and more vibrant interior. The opportunity and importance to supply and build out natural gas distribution can not be understated it simply should be a priority.

I do have concern over the comment that there has been little comment or support for HB74, please do not consider a lack of testimony a lack of concern over the issue. Lack of support or ambivalence towards the bill and the possibility to lower cost energy to the interior is not the case all of the interior citizens have considerable concern over the cost of energy and concern over our air quality. I believe that citizens through out Alaska recognize that things need to change and there is benefit to all Alaska by supporting HB74.

Thank you,

Ken Hall

2506 Kuskokwim

Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

Konrad Jackson

From: Leslie Jones <ljo_907@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 9:35 AM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: Interest in HB 74

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Dear Konrad,

I am an IBEW wireman apprentice and heard news of the house bill 74.

I want to express that I am in support of L&G trucking business here in the Fairbanks area.

I have lived here my whole life and would appreciate the benefits the trucking business would bring to the interior. Not only in lower heating costs but future jobs it would bring.

Thank you for your time,

Leslie A. Jones

Konrad Jackson

From: LYNN & BRANDON GROVER <balgrover@pci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 10:25 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Hollis French; Sen. Fred Dyson; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Anna Fairclough; Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Berta Gardner; Sen. Dennis Egan; Sen. Click Bishop; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Beth Kerttula; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Pete Higgins; Rep. Eric Feige; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Doug Isaacson; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Alan Austerman; Konrad Jackson; governor@alaska.gov
Subject: No Subject

Hi. My name is Lynn Grover. I live in the Rectangle of Death in North Pole, Alaska. It is aptly named as it frequently has the worst air quality not only in the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the state, and the United States, all, but also in the world. We beat China many days. While the air in North Pole is frequently the worst, it is a borough-wide problem with some areas worse than others.

For the above reason, in addition to the affordability of natural gas, we need natural gas in the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

The poor air quality has been going at the current level for about 4 years. Local and state politicians have done little to nothing to help. While they sit on their hands, a few hundred people are allowed to make tens of thousands sick/unhealthy. Those few hundred are also allowed to greatly diminish the quality of life of tens of thousands of people who can no longer walk in their neighborhoods or go out in their own yards to play with their children, or else they will have some serious health effects. To make matter worse, there is no escape for some of us, not even inside our homes: The smoke even gets in our homes, seriously impacting health, as well. We need natural gas in order to stop the 24/7 burning of wood/coal/whatever that is literally making us sick with the some of the worst air quality in the world.

And why are the few hundred people allowed to this? It's all in the name of staying warm as cheaply as possible, regardless of how it impacts everybody (whether they realize it or not, even the people doing this are impacting their own health). About 4 years ago, the price of heating oil skyrocketed. Instead of spending thousands of dollars to upgrade their homes' energy efficiency and budget more wisely, some people decided to spends thousands of dollars to install outdoor wood and coal boilers, which are extremely polluting, to say the least. Additionally, people began using wood and coal stoves. There are many people who using these devices improperly. There are also many people who are burning wet wood, trash, etc. We need natural gas. This can help our pocketbooks immensely.

This situation should have never been allowed in the first place—natural gas is long overdue to us. In an area well already well known for its inversion and air quality problems, the use of outdoor boilers and stoves that burn 24/7 should have never been allowed. Natural gas should have been afforded us a long time ago. It has been talked about for decades. It is time for natural gas.

Please see the links below for more information, as what I have outlined above is brief and does not do the air quality situation justice.

<http://articles.latimes.com/2013/feb/16/nation/la-na-fairbanks-air-pollution-20130217>

<http://cleanairfairbanks.files.wordpress.com/2013/01/fortress-spreadsheet-north-pole-fire-2012-oct-dec-graph-only.jpg>

<http://cleanairfairbanks.wordpress.com/>

<http://cleanairfairbanks.files.wordpress.com/2013/02/fortress-spreadsheet-north-pole-fire-2013-jan-graph-only.jpg>

People have written many letters to our local and state government with no avail. The *L.A. Times* story about the woman and her breathless little girl going to the hospital regularly is heartbreaking. There are other people with heartbreaking stories, such as the one of my dear friend whose husband has to be treated at the ICU every few to several weeks for past two years because of how the smoke impacts his ability to breathe. There are many, many more.

I was born and raised here. I have family and friends here I want us all to be safe and I don't want to have to move to do that. I am asking for your help.

We need affordable heat that doesn't pollute our air 24/7. We need natural gas in the Interior. Our health depends upon it.

Please help.

Sincerely,

Lynn Grover

Konrad Jackson

From: Marcia Madden <marcia@wesmadden.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 12:25 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: Support for HB 74 and SB23

My husband and I moved to Alaska to be with our grandchildren. We are a couple of years from retiring and will be leaving this beautiful state soon after. We can not afford the cost of living in Fairbanks, Both of us work and barely survive with the cost of heating oil and electricity. We burn wood to offset the cost but it's overwhelming. There is not a dime extra, living paycheck to paycheck. Granted we knew it was more expensive to live here but to have this quality of life, it's not worth the stress. Please pay attention, we are not the only ones in this situation.

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From: Megan Quan <megan@wesmadden.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 12:00 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Cc: lisa@fairbankschamber.org; Wes Madden
Subject: Affordable Energy ** HOUSE BILL 74

Dear Fellow Alaskan,

This Bill is a very important economical step for all residents of the Interior! We must have a affordable cleaner form of energy to not only keep our residents from moving, or going broke, but to bring down the harmful particulates in the air. The state will spend more money on the negative health effects caused by residents burning cheaper substitutes resulting from high skyrocketing energy costs. I have personally overheard conversations in the area where individuals have admitted to visiting the transit site to gather up old furniture to burn. It is very alarming to know that people were breathing in the harmful chemicals that exist within because we should without pause bring a better solution immediately. Please bring the people of Alaska a long awaited clean solution.

Sincerley,

Megan and John Quan

North Pole, Alaska

Konrad Jackson

From: Mike Cook <mike@ch-cpa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 11:22 AM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: Trucking Gas

The northern part of Alaska that doesn't have it yet needs an economical supply of natural gas. The trucking plan is good in that it can be a big help soon. Please support it.

Mike Cook

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From: Mike Nicholson <mikenicholson18@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 2:23 PM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: HB 74

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I support HB 74

Sent from my iPhone

Konrad Jackson

From: Myrna McGhie <mlee2001@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 5:39 PM
To: Konrad Jackson
Cc: Rep. Pete Higgins
Subject: RE: House Bill 74

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To the Honorable Rep. Pete Higgins and the Honorable Rep. Kurt Olson,

I am a retired senior, and have been a Fairbanks resident for 45 years. I am very concerned about our city and our citizens as the cost of living continues to increase, and the cost of heating fuel sky rockets. We need more affordable energy in Fairbanks, and I join with the others who have testified on HB 74 and would like to urge the committee to vote for HB 74 and move it on to the House Finance Committee.

Fairbanks desperately needs this LG and it will clearly benefit Anchorage and other parts of the state as much as benefits Fairbanks.

Please, stop holding this legislation hostage simply because of the route of the pipeline. Without the plant to fill the pipeline, the route is irrelevant. Again, please pass HB 74 on to House Finance.

Thank you very much.

Myrna McGhie

Fairbanks, AK

Mlee2001@gci.net

Konrad Jackson

From: Thomas Studler
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 9:58 AM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: FW: HB 74

For your files.

*Thanks,
Tom*

From: Tom Studler [<mailto:tomstudler@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 9:41 AM
To: Thomas Studler
Subject: Fwd: HB 74

Tom

Begin forwarded message:

From: Paul and Robin Barrett <robinbarrett@gci.net>
Date: March 12, 2013, 5:37:53 PM AKDT
To: dentaldoc@alaska.net
Subject: HB 74

Sent the following message today to all members of Olson's committee:

Energy costs are diminishing or destroying the quality of life for many residents of Alaska's second largest metropolitan area. I recognize that these folks are not your constituents, but aren't we all Alaskans first? Alaskans supporting Alaskans is a noble tradition in this state--where would we be without that tradition? Please support HB 74 for the good of Alaskans and Alaska.

Paul & Robin Barrett

Konrad Jackson

From: Robert Ragar <RRagar@evertsair.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 1:52 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: Gas Trucking plan

Rep. Kurt Olson must be mentally retarded if he doesn't think Fairbanks residents desire cheaper energy (gas) costs!

This not only benefits Fairbanks, but also many outlying communities who will benefit as well due to cheaper overhead costs in the interior.

Many of us have to go to work day in and day out to make a living, and do not afford expenditures for travel to the capital for meetings such as this. (are you kidding!)

Robert Ragar

Konrad Jackson

From: Nami of Fairbanks <fami@mosquitonet.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 3:10 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: Supporter of HOUSE BILL # 74

Importance: High

We are [3 supporters](#) of **House Bill # 74 & SB 23**.

Please help with the advancement of the legislation and funding necessary to bring trucked natural gas to the Interior of Alaska.

My husband's mother was the first white baby girl born in the Cook Inlet in 1903, so his roots go deep into Alaska. We are rearing our sons in Alaska, own 58 acres of land and our home. We want to be able stay in Alaska and have our sons and their families stay in Alaska, also.

Alaska needs a better source for heating oil for homes, businesses, and the military in Alaska. Having a local / delivered natural gas

will effectively, after conversion, cut heating bills in half. The money saved will flow throughout the local and statewide businesses.

A North Slope project will generate propane that can be used as part of a solution to the rural energy crisis. The jobs that will grow from the project will benefit many people and villages.

Thank you, Michael F. Rotter, Cheris Haymond-Rotter & Donald Rotter
Box 80953 Fairbanks, Alaska 99708

Konrad Jackson

From: Ryan Christian <ryanjchristian@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 8:50 AM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: House Bill 74

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To Whom It May Concern,

I read comments yesterday that you're not hearing any support from the Interior for getting natural gas trucked in. I'd just like to say that there is a great desire in the Interior for natural gas to help out with the rising energy costs. We would really appreciate any help we can get with that. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Ryan Christian
Fairbanks Resident

Konrad Jackson

From: Samara Steele <samara@wesmadden.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 12:07 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: Support of HB 74 and SB 23

Importance: High

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to show my support for HB 74 and SB 23 to go through. I have lived in Fairbanks my entire life and cannot imagine living anywhere else but with the rising costs of energy i.e. fuel and electricity I may soon not have a choice. Fairbanks needs an option besides heating with fuel oil it is beginning to cripple our economic growth and population base. I spend almost \$5200.00 a year in fuel oil alone to heat my home. Someone outside of Fairbanks has no idea what it is like to come home and find a fuel oil delivery ticket hanging on your door. The anxiety of what will the fuel price be, will the bill be under \$2500.00, what am I not going to pay this month so that I can pay this bill, it is awful, I have no idea how people who make less than my family make it through the winter. We pay almost \$3000 in electric bills a year and we are not the most frivolous people in the world either. That is almost \$10,000 a year to heat, light and run my appliances in my home.

I work for a Home Owners association and their HOA Dues (which includes their fuel oil) has risen by \$200 in two years. I have homeowners in my office crying because they cannot make their HOA payments because of this increase because of fuel.

The cost of fuel oil does not just affect the fuel bill. GVEA the only provider of electricity charges and an exorbitant "fuel surcharge" to all electric bill. This fee can add up.

Something has to be done to help Fairbanks, I have homeowners selling their homes and moving out of Alaska because they can no longer afford the cost of living. I am sure business owners are reluctant to invest any more into their business or expand for the fear of over extending themselves. Natural Gas from what I have read will at least give Fairbanksans an option for heating and can lower our energy costs and give us a fighting chance. Both military bases in Fairbanks are on the chopping block because of the cost of energy to run them, natural gas would give them an option to cut their fuel costs and give them the incentive to stay.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Samara Steele

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Konrad Jackson

From: LEFEBVRE, Sarah (NORTP) <SLefebvre@COLASKA.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 1:16 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: HB 74 - Support of funding

I am writing to advise you of my whole hearted support of HB 74. Short term relief is crucial to Fairbanks and the other nearby communities. I am personally impacted by the high cost of heating my personal home, and this is a factor in my decision to sell my home later this year. It is also one of the reasons that my 30 year old son, his girlfriend, and their two children are moving out of the State – they simply can't justify the cost of living here when you are a young family starting out.

Please support the funding of this effort.

Respectfully,

Sarah Lefebvre

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Konrad Jackson

From: Stacy Risner <stacy@wesmadden.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 11:32 AM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: Please Help Reduce Energy Costs in Fairbanks!

I am writing in support of the North Slope Trucking Project. As a Realtor and advocate for housing in the Fairbanks area, I see on a regular basis home owners and buyers who are struggling with the cost of heat and electricity in the interior. It has impacted the lives of our clients as well as our company. For the past several years I have seen homeowners spend more on heating costs than their mortgage payments. People are living paycheck to paycheck and many are leaving, not because they want to, but because they cannot afford to live here. We need a plan in place to help reduce the energy costs, and the North Slope Trucking Project offers some relief to that.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stacy Risner

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Konrad Jackson

From: Steve Adams <smokey3@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 2:33 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: Rep. Doug Isaacson; Rep. Pete Higgins; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Steve Thompson
Subject: HB 74 (SB23) Interior Alaska Energy Plan
Importance: High

Chairman Olson & Members of the House Labor & Commerce Committee,

This is a letter of support for HB74 because I cannot testify at the March 13th L&C hearing. As a resident of Interior Alaska, I fully support of **HB74**.

Thank you for working to address the issue of high energy costs in Interior and Rural Alaska. I think this bill can positively impact Fairbanks, Interior, and Rural Alaska. The ability to truck LNG from the North Slope to the Interior will offer an alternative and cost effective fuel source providing the ability to reduce dependence on fuel oil, something that is badly needed. Interior Alaska needs options. We need to be able to afford to live and GROW. Opportunities like the one proposed in HB74 offer our residents and businesses in Interior and Rural Alaska lower utility costs. Lower utilities costs equal direct savings to residents and businesses helping to not just maintain our economy but to GROW our economy and commerce. The trucking of LNG is a great bridge project to a more long-term project of building a gas pipeline. It is complimentary to other projects that aim to build a gas pipeline and I don't think it competes with those projects.

The stated goal of securing a supply of natural gas at \$15/MMBTU to the greatest number of Interior residents and businesses in the shortest amount of time can be accomplished by the passage of this bill and the accompanying appropriation in the capital budget THIS legislative session.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Steve Adams

PO Box 81814

Fairbanks, Alaska 99708

cc:
Fairbanks Interior Delegation

Konrad Jackson

From: Steve Vincent <SteveV@autotrimdesignalaska.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 12:39 PM
To: Konrad Jackson
Cc: lisa@fairbankschamber.org; Bob Boswood
Subject: HB74

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Dear Sir,

I sent you an e-mail yesterday and would like to add this to my comments regarding HB74.

A friend of mine has a 1952sf ranch house in Kenai/Soldotna, I have a 2016sf two story (considered a more efficient heating design than a ranch) in Fairbanks. His natural gas heating cost is roughly \$1080 per year, my heating cost is roughly \$5040 per year in heating oil or about 5 times what it costs to heat a house on the Kenai Peninsula serviced with natural gas. Additionally, I am supplementing my oil heat with a wood stove, he uses only natural gas.

To heat our 13,000sf store with heating oil cost nearly \$70,000 annually 3 years ago, even after investing a little over \$40,000 in better roofing insulation. To offset the utility costs, our entire staff of 34 employees (at that time) had to take a 10% paycut and loss of some benefits in order for us to survive. If changes are not on the horizon I foresee probable layoffs in our future.

Action, not debate, needs to be taken to provide an energy cost solution for interior Alaska before we experience economic failures due to utility costs on a much larger scale than we have seen already.

Thank you for your valuable time,

Steve Vincent

Steve Vincent

GM/Dir Operations

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Konrad Jackson

From: Sue Sprinkle <suesprinkle@alaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 1:33 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce; Rep. Kurt Olson
Cc: Konrad Jackson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: House Bill 74 & Senate Bill 23

As a business owner in Fairbanks, I can see what the price of space heating is doing to my business and to my customers. Keeping warm is taking too many dollars out our pockets to allow businesses and families to grow up here. Many are making plans to move away. We should be moving forward, not backward. Dependence on oil heat is bankrupting our economy.

With hydro and natural gas energy available (and state-subsidized) to the lower part of our State it seems only fair that the Interior and other connecting communities get financial help to support trucked natural gas and propane for the rural areas.

Otherwise, we'll all have to move down to Anchorage.
THAT is NOT what you want, I'm sure.

Thank you,

Sue Sprinkle

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Konrad Jackson

From: Tell Burger <tmmm05@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 8:30 AM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: House Bill 74

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My name is Tell Burger. I am a lifelong Fairbanksan and a member of the IBEW Local 1547. I would like to voice my opinion of House bill 74. Supplying my community with natural gas would be great relief with the cost of living. Also building facilities that would provide natural gas here would provide many jobs for me and other tradesmen in my community. I support the trucking of natural gas to Fairbanks and House bill 74. I am also very interested on how you came to the conclusion that Fairbanks showed no interest in this bill. Let the money out of the room so I can keep more in my pocket.

Konrad Jackson

From: Terry Cruikshank <TCruikshank@hoffer-glass.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 12:49 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Cc: Lisa Herbert
Subject: RE: HB74

House Labor and Commerce Committee

Chairman Kurt Olson and committee members,

In Support of HB74 and Trucking LNG to Interior Alaska:

My name is Terry Cruikshank and I have lived in Alaska since 1957. We operate a family business here in Fairbanks and are a member of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce. We are a manufacturer of energy efficient windows and sell energy efficient building products. To date, there are 4 generations of my family living in Fairbanks! I want you to know that because of the high energy costs for heat and electricity, many of the citizens of Fairbanks have needed a helping hand from others to pay energy bills. These last two winters have been especially hard! Parents have sacrificed! Families and children have done with less or without. Fairbanks and interior rural Alaska are carrying an extremely heavy and unsustainable economic burden. There are not any families, businesses, nor public institutions, profit or non-profit, that are not feeling the economic pressure of high energy costs. Again, I wish to express our need for the passage of HB74. Fairbanks and Rural Interior Alaskan need the help and support of our State of Alaska in order to remain economically viable and sustainable for the future.

Sincerely,

Terry Cruikshank

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Konrad Jackson

From: Tim Brannan <brannan_tim@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 1:15 PM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: Natural gas to Fairbanks

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My name is Tim Brannan, I live at 1714 Carr ave in Fairbanks Ak.

I would like to inform you of the huge economical impact that gas will have on the city and out lying areas. The interior of Alaska is suffocating and will not stand for to much longer with the cost of living being what it is.

Please support hb74 to bring relief to the interior.

Konrad Jackson

From: walter robinson <akman02@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 2:17 PM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: House Bill 74

Hi, I am writing in regard's to House Bill 74 which would provided much needed gas to the interior of Alaska. I have read it in today's Fairbanks newspaper that Rep. Kurt Olson chided the bill because the public is not speaking out for this bill. I will contest that the public is speaking out I have attended several meeting here in Fairbanks that would address the energy issue here in interior. This is exactly what house bill 74 would do it would bring relief to the people of the interior. People in the interior are getting beat down by the high energy cost the average cost to heat a home in Fairbanks is around \$800.00 a month which is to high. As a result of this Alaskan are leaving Alaska which is bad. I would urge you to support house bill 74.

Thanks for you time.

Walter Robinson
HC3 box 329.25
Nenana Ak 997



March 13, 2013

The Honorable Kurt Olson
Chair
House Labor & Commerce Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Mr. Chairman:

NovaCopper is a company engaged in advanced exploration work in the Ambler Mining District, in partnership with NANA on the Upper Kobuk Mineral Project. Energy is one of the largest costs of constructing and operating a mining project in remote parts of Alaska. We are aware of the work that AEA is undertaking to pursue LNG trucking as an energy option for Interior Alaska, and the pending legislation (SB 23/HB 74).

Although we have not yet defined a project, the scale of operation we are anticipating would require construction of a 20 to 30 MW power plant which, if powered by gas, would require approximately 2 to 3 bcf per year. NovaCopper is aware that there are other potential mine sites in the district operated by other companies that could augment the power requirements for the district.

As we look at energy options for our project, the LNG trucking option is something that could be attractive, provided it is cost-effective. Based on the AEA presentation reviewing the LNG trucking option given in Fairbanks on February 27, 2013, the delivered cost for gas (including regasification and storage) is expected to be half of that for fuel oil. Obviously, if these estimates are accurate, trucking LNG to the Ambler Mining District (approximately the same distance from the North Slope as Fairbanks) could provide a competitive and clean source of energy to operate potential mines in the district as well as provide power for local village needs. The option for LNG only works for us, of course, if the Road to the Ambler District Resources, currently being studied by ADOT and potentially financed by AIDEA, is constructed. For this reason, we encourage the State to continue advancing its work on the Road to the Ambler District and in evaluating the LNG trucking potential for Interior Alaska residents, and other potential energy users, including industrial users.

If I can be of any assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would be happy to assist in any way possible to bring affordable, clean energy alternatives to the Ambler Mining District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse", is written over a horizontal line.

Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse
President and CEO

cc: House Labor & Commerce Committee

From: [Vivian Stiver](#)
To: [Brandon Brefczynski](#)
Subject: FW: Support for LNG
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 9:56:36 AM

Sincerely,

Vivian

Vivian M. Stiver
Legislative Aide
Representative Tammie Wilson
907-465-4797 office
907-347-2102 cell

From: Al Vezey [mailto:alvezey@lakloey.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 9:16 AM
To: Vivian Stiver
Subject: RE: Support for LNG

The Honorable Tammy Wilson:

Please support HB 74. Fairbanks is facing a genuine energy crisis and we must act. High energy costs are strangling our economy.

Thank you,

Allen Vezey
North Pole, Alaska

From: [Vivian Stiver](#)
To: [Brandon Brefczynski](#)
Subject: FW: HB 74
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 9:26:20 AM

Sincerely,

Vivian

Vivian M. Stiver
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Representative Tammie Wilson
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-----Original Message-----

From: Dawn & Paul [<mailto:pauldawn@alaska.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 8:54 AM
To: Vivian Stiver
Subject: HB 74

It is my sincere hope that this sessions legislature will do something to help us with heating costs. I have heard promises of action since I moved to this State thirty years ago, and it is old and stale.

Fairbanks is rapidly having options run out. We can heat our homes with oil for exorbitant amounts of money, or we can use wood, which is rapidly eliminating air that is breathable.

Anchorage should look (North) to the future as well. They may have gas now, but that will run out eventually.

Dawn Andrews

Konrad Jackson

From: Derek Miller <millier.e.derek@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 11:25 AM
To: representative.kurk.olson@akleg.gov; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Charisse Millett; reprepresentative.dan.saddler@akleg.gov; Rep. Andy Josephson
Cc: Rep. Doug Isaacson; Rep. Pete Higgins; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Steve Thompson; Jim Dodson; derek.miller@alaska.edu; bill.bailey@k12northstar.org; bobby@hoodoobrew.com; Julie Emslie; amy@downtownfairbanks.com; lorna.shaw@smpogo.com; lisa@fairbankschamber.org; monak81@gmail.com; renees@birchwoodhomesak.com; meadow.bailey@alaska.gov; cassie.pinkel@alaska.gov; dr.suzette.mailloux@gmail.com; grier.hopkins@gmail.com; jenniferluke@ktvf11.com; angela.marie.major@gmail.com; hannah.blankenship@alaska.gov; sarah.schacher@alaska.gov; gregory.bringhurst@tananachiefs.org; karl.schulz@alaskaair.com; chris@ialaska.com; dave.pm@tananachiefs.org; michael.p.campbell12.naf@mail.mil; kenttbrown@gmail.com; akhockey@hotmail.com; Lance Roberts; Anna Atchison; akcheriekelly@hotmail.com; mayor@co.fairbanks.ak.us; mayor@northpolealaska.com; mayor@ci.fairbanks.ak.us; Brodie Anderson; Chad Hutchison; Sen. Click Bishop; senator.pete.kelly@akleg.org; senator.john.coghill@akleg.org
Subject: Ltr of Support - HB 74 (SB23) Interior Alaska Energy Plan

Chairman Olson & Members of the House Labor & Commerce Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for HB74 in lieu of being able to testify at this afternoon's L&C hearing. As you gauge support from the Interior and Rural Alaska for this legislation, please put me in the emphatic "YES" column.

Thank you for hearing this bill and for taking up the issue of high energy costs in Interior and Rural Alaska. This bill is of great importance to the well-being of our community. Trucking LNG from the North Slope to the Interior to replace the high cost of fuel oil as our feedstock for space heat and power generation will make business and commerce in the Interior and Rural Alaska more competitive and will lower the excessive utility costs we currently pay. It is a great bridge project to a more long-term project of building a gas pipeline. I consider it complimentary to other projects that aim to build a small-diameter or large-diameter gas pipeline and not competing against those projects.

The stated goal of securing a supply of natural gas at \$15/MMBTU to the greatest number of Interior residents and businesses in the shortest amount of time can be accomplished by the passage of this bill and the accompanying appropriation in the capital budget THIS legislative session.

Thank you for your service to this state.

Sincerely,

Derek Miller
PO Box 70502
Fairbanks, AK 99707
House District 5, Senate District C

cc:
Fairbanks Interior Delegation
Fairbanks Community Members



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March 6, 2013

Honorable Members – House of Representatives
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Re: House Operating Budget

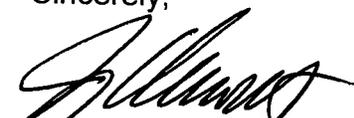
Dear Honorable Representatives:

I was not able to testify today at the House hearings on the operating budget. Mayor Hopkins spoke on behalf of the three mayors regarding our thoughts, however, I would like to reiterate our support for the Governor's recommended amendment to appropriate \$125 million from receipts of the Alaska Housing Capital Corporation created under AS 18.56.086 to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority sustainable energy transmission and supply development fund. This was in the FY2014 Governor's budget, but the actual language was inadvertently omitted from the operating bill.

For the first time in years, we have hope that energy legislation will be enacted. The LNG trucking plan, combined with HB4 and HB35, give a complete package in finally addressing extremely serious energy needs for Alaska. Even though the LNG trucking plan is designed to help Interior Alaska, which is reeling from high energy costs, it also serves as insurance for South Central Alaska in case gas supplies from the Kenai are not sufficient. HB4 and HB35 take a broad look at energy needs for all Alaska and will bring to us long term solutions and add to the basic infrastructure needs of our state that have long been talked about.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and hard work.

Sincerely,



Mayor Jerry Cleworth



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February 19, 2013

Senator Donny Olson
Senate Labor and Commerce Committee
State Capitol, Room 508
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: SB 23 and HB 74 Support

Senator Olson,

I would like to offer support from Copper Valley Development Association, the regional ARDOR with Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development for Senate Bill 23 and House Bill 74. This bill that authorizes the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) to provide financing for a natural gas liquefaction plant and affiliated infrastructure on the North Slope and a natural gas distribution system and affiliated infrastructure within the Fairbanks North Star Borough. These facilities will make it feasible to truck 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. The distribution system will then be in place for a large diameter gas line.

Senate Bill 23 and House Bill 74 will help reduce the high cost of energy, bring gas to the interior by 2015, 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 SB 23 and HB 74 to occur.

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

Sincerely,

Jason Hoke,
Executive Director



March 13, 2013

Honorable Kurt Olson, Chair
Labor & Commerce Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Via email: Rep.Kurt.Olson@akleg.gov
Juneau, Alaska

SUPPORT HB 74/SB 23 – LNG production and distribution system

Dear Representative Olson:

We are writing to support House Bill 74 - relating to development and financing of a liquefied natural gas production and distribution system from the North Slope. We respectfully ask for your expeditious and favorable consideration as you deliberate this Legislation in your Committee.

Fairbanks businesses and residents are struggling with high energy costs and we believe that HB 74 is a rational short term solution. LNG Trucking from the north-slope aligns with the broader effort to bring a pipeline from the north slope of Alaska in that it will allow for the gas market to mature in Fairbanks.

Tower Hill Mines, Inc. (NYSE: THM) is currently conducting a feasibility study on the Livengood Gold Project located 70 miles north of Fairbanks adjacent to the Dalton Highway in the Tolovana Mining District.

Tower Hill, like the rest of Alaska, is looking for a more cost effective energy source. Energy costs comprise a large part of mine operating expenses – perhaps 20 to 30% - and can heavily influence the economics of projects. Energy for electric generation, space heating, and transportation fuels are among the opportunities associated with LNG Trucking and a gas pipeline that we see.

Ultimately, a gas pipeline will provide a more cost effective source of energy, but the interior cannot wait. However, the lower energy cost from LNG trucking into the interior offers substantial savings even if only for a 5-8 year period before a pipeline comes into Fairbanks.

We thank you for your leadership on this critical issue facing the interior of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Karl Hanneman
Alaska General Manager

Cc: Governor Sean Parnell
Interior Legislative Delegation

Konrad Jackson

From: Brandon Grover <bsgrover@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 10:36 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Hollis French; Sen. Fred Dyson; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Anna Fairclough; Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Berta Gardner; Sen. Dennis Egan; Sen. Click Bishop; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Beth Kerttula; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Pete Higgins; Rep. Eric Feige; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Doug Isaacson; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: HB 74

Hello, all. The people in the Fairbanks North Star Borough are trying to live with some of the worst air in the world. If we had affordable natural gas, it could significantly help with our air pollution problem, as there are too many people burning wood and coal, as well as other things, to heat their homes 24/7. Natural gas boilers will not need to run 24/7, and it is affordable.

Please pass HB 74. We need an affordable way to heat our homes without polluting and ruining our health and quality of life. We need natural gas.

Sincerely,

Brandon Grover

Konrad Jackson

From: David Bantz <David.Bantz@usa.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 10:36 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. David Guttenberg; Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Pete Higgins
Cc: Sen. Click Bishop; Mayor@co.fairbanks.ak.us
Subject: Support Natural Gas for Interior

Dear Representative Kurt Olson,

Fairbanks residents, businesses, local government and our state representatives support the development of natural gas resources and their cost-effective distribution to the Fairbanks community. The Fairbanks News-Miner reports comments from you as Chair of the House Labor and Commerce Committee that you think there may not be such support and that you may prevent consideration of a supporting bill by the full House that would address that problem by gas trucking. I am dismayed by the comments attributed to you and upset that an important step in maintaining the viability of Fairbanks may be derailed by an opinion so at odds with the facts I see "on the ground" in Fairbanks. And I believe thousands of other Interior residents are as well.

I cannot count the number of local meetings I have attended at which natural gas availability in the Interior, as one component of a wider effort to provide affordable energy to the interior, has been touted as the number one issue facing Fairbanks - literally a "do or die" issue for this community. Does the trucking plan answer our prayers for affordable energy and assure the future of Fairbanks? Of course not. No one thing will solve the problem of high energy costs in the Interior. But it is a part of the answer.

We - the Alaskan Interior, Fairbanks, the Alaska Legislature, and the state of Alaska itself - appear to be in the grips of the fallacy of the perfect being the enemy of the good. Many proposals for energy development and distribution have been on the table, but proponents of each one seem to target all the others - especially the ones that could help in the near future - as less than perfect. The net result has been inaction and deepening of the crisis of unaffordable energy in Fairbanks. If continued, this will strangle us.

I urge you to support this current partial and temporary contribution to stabilizing energy costs in Fairbanks. More important, I urge to support other good ideas as well. I believe the future of the Interior and the future of Alaska depend upon it.

David Bantz
Fairbanks

cc: Senator Bishop, Representatives Higgins, Guttenberg, Kawasaki, FNSB Mayor Hopkins