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Date: March 14, 2013

To: Representative Benjamin Nageak, Co-Chair House Community and Regional Affairs Committee

Representative Gabriel LeDoux, Co-Chair House Community and Regional Affairs Committee

From: Representative Tammie Wilson, District 2

Re: Request for Hearing, HB 163

Enclosed is HB 163— "An Act prohibiting a person from burning certain materials in a solid fuel burning device; relating to solid fuel burning device emission standards; and relating to prohibitions on the burning of solid fuels."

House Bill 163 will establish a new emission standard for solid fuel burning devices within the State by allowing only the cleanest burning devices to be sold at local retail stores. Those who have a solid fuel device currently installed are grandfathered under the new emission standard and would not need to convert their device.

This bill will provide another mechanism for regions in Alaska who are currently designated a PM 2.5 non-attainment area to reach compliance.

Accompanying sponsor statement and general back-up documents are included.

I would appreciate a hearing in the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact Brandon Brefczynski at 4916 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Representative Tammie Wilson