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The Honorable Sean Parnell
Governor of the State of Alaska
State Capital Building
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support for SB 25

Dear Governor Parnell,

Thank you for all your efforts to keep our state strong by working for small business growth! It's not often these days that we find ways to lower the cost on anything so we applaud you for bringing forward the solvency of Alaska's Unemployment Trust Fund Account.

The Juneau Chamber of Commerce represents nearly 400 business members and their employees. It is our job to promote and support a positive business climate not only in Juneau but throughout the state. Our members support legislation that updates and clarifies laws as they relate to doing business in an effort to improve Alaska's business environment. Therefore we would like to add our support to SB 25.

We are pleased that this legislation will insure that business owners as well as Alaskan workers are not paying more to State government in unemployment insurance taxes than necessary.

The Juneau Chamber also understands the importance of compliance with the federal unemployment insurance laws. Maintaining the significant Federal Unemployment Tax Act credit that our employers currently receive is another critical piece of responsible taxation. The federal compliance components of SB 25 ensure that Alaska businesses will not be sending any more money to Washington DC than necessary for the unemployment insurance program.

We are also supportive of the greater efficiencies that the Department of Labor will be able to provide by allowing electronic filing of unemployment claims.

Thank you for the work you do on behalf of all Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Cathie Roemmich, CEO