

February 11, 2013

The Honorable Cathy Giessel
Alaska State Senate
Capitol Room 427
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Senate Bill 7

Dear Senator Giessel,

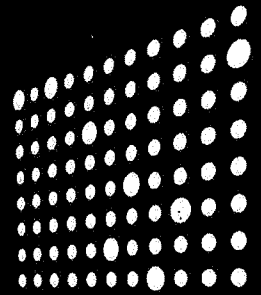
The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce (Alaska Chamber) is an organization dedicated to improving the business climate in Alaska. The Alaska Chamber represents hundreds of statewide businesses from Ketchikan to Barrow that share a common goal: to make Alaska a viable and competitive place to do business. Today, I write in support of Senate Bill (SB) 7 - Corporate income.

The Alaska Chamber supports legislation that updates and clarifies laws as they relate to doing business and generally improves Alaska's business climate. SB 7 updates Alaska's very outdated corporate tax code using the U.S. CPI inflation rate. SB 7 distributes the tax liability more evenly and may make Alaska's business climate friendlier to small and medium size businesses as well as more competitive with respective states. For these reasons, the Alaska Chamber supports HB 68.

Sincerely,



Rachael A. Petro
President/CEO



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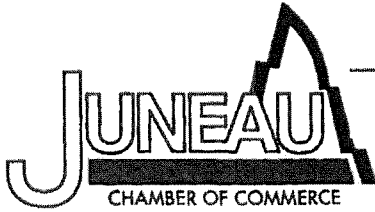
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The Honorable Cathy Giessel
Senator, State of Alaska
State Capitol, Room 427
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: SB 7 Corporate Income Tax

Dear Senator Giessel,

The Juneau Chamber of Commerce representing over 400 Alaskan businesses would like to add our support to the passage of Senate Bill 7.

We agree that SB 7 will reduce tax liability for small to medium size corporations and by doing so attract commerce to Alaska, create additional jobs, and allow small to medium size businesses to keep more of their earnings.

Small businesses are the back bone of the communities in our region and each year it becomes harder and harder for many to keep their doors open due to tax burdens, insurance costs and payroll, so we also agree that by supporting this bill we are supporting Alaskan businesses.

Additionally, we feel confident that this is a step in the right direction to promote growth and development of business in our community as well as encourage young Alaskans to consider building their own business right here at home.

Thank you Senator Giessel for your work in bringing this bill before the Legislature!

Sincerely,



Cathie Roemmich, CEO

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**Seward Chamber of Commerce
Conference and Visitors Bureau**

The Honorable Cathy Giessel
Senator, State of Alaska
State Capitol, room 427
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: SB 7 Corporate Income Tax

Dear Senator Giessel,

The Seward Chamber of Commerce, CVB would like to thank you for bringing this bill before the legislature. You continue to be a champion for business in Alaska!

Our local chamber represents 324 businesses and we would like to add our support to the passage of Senate Bill 7. We are encouraged to see that the outdated corporate tax code will be restructured to distribute the tax liability more evenly and will offer the opportunity for a friendlier small and medium business climate for Alaskans.

Again, we applaud your efforts and feel this is a critical step to promote growth and development of business in our community while encouraging our young entrepreneurs with their efforts to create a comfortable living for themselves and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy".

Cindy Clock, Executive Director



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Senator Cathy Giessel
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Capitol Room 427
Juneau AK 99801

Re: Senate Bill 7 – Corporate Income Tax

Dear Senator Giessel,

The Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce represents approximately 370 members, most of whom are small business owners. Our Chamber would like to add our support to the passage of Senate Bill 7.

Our understanding is this measure will reduce the tax liability for small and medium sized corporations allowing for the creation of additional jobs; allowing business owners to keep more of their earnings; thereby attracting more business interest in Alaska.

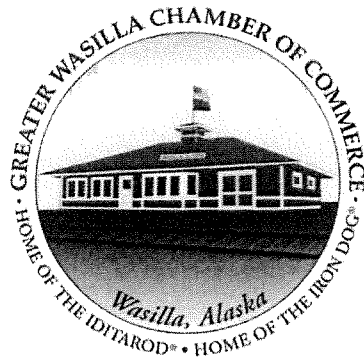
Small business is the cornerstone of our community and we want to encourage and support any measure that allows these businesses to prosper and inspire others to pursue their entrepreneurial ambitions.

As the corporate income tax schedule has not been updated since 1981, we feel that a restructuring is long overdue.

Thank you for introducing this legislation and for your concern for the small business community of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Pete Mulcahy
President, Board of Directors



**Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce
2013 Position Statement
SB7 - Corporate Income Tax**

The Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce is an organization dedicated to promoting local business and improving the business climate in our community. The Wasilla Chamber of Commerce represents members who share a common goal: to make Alaska a viable and competitive place to do business. We write today in support of Senate Bill (SB7) 7 – Corporate income Tax.

The Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce supports legislation that updates and clarifies state laws as they relate to owning and operating a business here in Alaska. SB 7 Updates Alaska's outdated corporate tax code and distributes the tax liability in a more equitable manner that will work well for small to medium size businesses.

We agree that SB 7 will reduce tax liability for small to medium size corporations and by doing so we know that this change will attract new commerce to Alaska. This change will assist in creating more jobs and opportunity for Alaskans while allowing our existing businesses to keep more of their hard earned money.

As you are aware, small business is the back bone of our communities and each year it becomes harder and harder for many to keep their doors open due to excessive tax burdens, insurance costs and payroll. We feel confident that SB7 is a step in the right direction toward updating our tax laws which will in turn promote growth and development of business in our communities and throughout the state.

DATED this 19th day of February, 2013 at Wasilla, Alaska.

GREATER WASILLA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By: 

Paula Nance - President

By: 

Quentin Algood - Secretary



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February 20, 2013

The Honorable Cathy Giessel
Senator, State of Alaska
State Capitol, Room 427
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

The Honorable Shelley Hughes
Representative, State of Alaska
State Capitol, Room 427
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Letter of Support for Senate Bill 7/House Bill 68

Dear Senator Giessel & Representative Hughes,

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce represents over 700 businesses and organizations. Our mission is to advocate a healthy economic environment to ensure that Fairbanks and the Interior are an attractive place for both business and community. The Chamber supports Senate Bill 7 & House Bill 68 – Corporate Income Tax because many of our members are small to medium size businesses which could potentially benefit from a reduction in their tax liability.

In our community, the high costs of energy are crippling economic development and growth. The immediate benefits of SB7 & HB68, if passed, would free up some additional monies to help offset the staggering energy bills that many of the businesses in the Interior are faced with paying each month. The long term benefits of this bill would allow small and medium size businesses to keep more of their potential earnings, create new jobs in the community and enhance economic development.

The outdated code, last reviewed and updated in 1981, places additional burdens on businesses that are already struggling to make ends meet. To make Alaska a more attractive business environment and to allow our economy to flourish it is important that the tax code is updated to meet the current United States Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate.

We would like to thank you both for your dedication to Alaskan businesses and your work to bring these bills before the legislature.

Sincerely,

Lisa Herbert
Executive Director

Terri Froese
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Anna Atchison
Government Relations, Chair

Cc: Governor Sean Parnell
Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell
Bryan Butcher, Commissioner of Revenue
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- Fred Meyer Stores
- Golden Heart Utilities
- Wells Fargo Bank Alaska

GOLD

- Birchwood Homes
- Carlson Center
- Denali State Bank
- Design Alaska
- Doyon Utilities LLC
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- Kinross Fort Knox Mine
- Lynden
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- Northrim Bank
- Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo LLC
- Usibelli Coal Mine

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- Flowline Alaska
- GCI
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- Golden Valley Electric Association
- Hale & Associates, Inc.
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- Key Bank
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February 27, 2013

The Honorable Cathy Giessel
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Re: Senate Bill 7 – Corporate Income Tax

Dear Senator Giessel,

NANA is pleased to offer our support for the passage of Senate Bill 7. In the context of the business community, a major reason our corporation exists is to create economic opportunities and stability for our shareholders.

Additionally, one way we support our shareholders is by supporting their small businesses. Whether it is a grocery store along the Kotzebue Sound, or an airline charter service on the north bank of the Kobuk River, our shareholders' businesses provide vital employment and economic benefits to our villages.

The State can help small business owners, like our shareholders, by passing Senate Bill 7. This bill will reduce tax liability for small to medium size businesses which will, in turn, attract commerce to Alaska, create additional jobs and allow the small business owners to keep more of their earnings.

Considering the corporate income tax schedule has not been reviewed or updated since 1981, we feel it is time to adjust the tax brackets to accurately reflect inflation. The financial challenges Alaskans face today are a lot different than the challenges faced over thirty years ago.

We applaud your commitment in supporting Alaskan small businesses!

Sincerely,

Helvi Sandvik
President, NANA Development Corporation

Cc: Senator Donny Olson, Representative Benjamin Nageak