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The Honorable Dave Talerico
Representative
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol Room 104
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Dear Representative Talerico,

Alaska Power Association (APA) supports House Joint Resolution 8, which conveys to the federal government that one-size-fits-all Environmental Protection Agency regulations on power generation simply do not work in, and are harmful to, Alaska.

Alaska Power Association is the statewide trade association for Alaska's electric utility industry, with members from all areas of the state. Our mission is to assist our members in accomplishing their goals of delivering electric energy and other services at the best value to their customers.

The primary mission of electric utilities in Alaska is to provide reliable and affordable electricity to customers. The continual onslaught of federal regulations on power generation threatens to raise rates and impede reliability for consumers.

The costs to Alaskans from impacts of federal regulations pose significant economic hardships, far in excess of purported benefits of such regulations. The absence of an electric grid necessitates hundreds of generation plants across the state, with most serving less than 500 customers. Even the largest utilities serve only thousands of customers, not millions as in the contiguous US.

The following effects should be assessed before extending regulations to Alaska:

- Impact on availability and affordability of electricity
- Impact on availability and affordability of all sources of energy
- Impact on Alaska communities' economic viability and wellbeing
- Impact on small, stand-alone public utilities

Alaska Power Association's member utilities have seen the increasing regulatory burdens year after year. Our members are greatly concerned about the impact federal regulations are having, and will have, on their ability to provide reliable and affordable energy. For these reasons, APA supports HJR 8.

Sincerely,

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