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Senator John Coghill
Senate Majority Leader
State Capitol, Room 119
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Representative Steve Thompson
Co-Chair House Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 515
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Senate Bill 43 and House Bill 104 – City of Fairbanks Support

Senator Coghill and Representative Thompson,

I am writing to express the City of Fairbanks' support for the proposed amendment to AS 09.65.70(c) as detailed in Senate Bill 43 and House Bill 104.

Fairbanks area fire departments, both municipal and volunteer agencies, rely on each other via mutual aid agreements. These bills, if enacted, will protect residents by reducing the risk of liability and frivolous tort claims against municipal and non-profit fire agencies. This will translate to more effective mutual aid support, lower costs, and better services to all Fairbanks area residents.

Please encourage your colleagues in the Senate and House of Representatives to support this legislation.

Yours sincerely,

Mayor John Eberhart

cc: Warren Cummings, Fire Chief
Jim Williams, Chief of Staff
Paul Ewers, City Attorney