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Re: Letter of Support for House Bill 58: More Energy Efficient Buildings Act

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to offer support for House Bill 58: More Energy Efficient Buildings Act. This bill will increase eligibility to an underutilized state program to include federally recognized tribal entities and non-profits. It is important to recognize non-profits and tribal organizations as key providers of public service in Alaska. It is also crucial to provide these organizations with the financial opportunities to reduce their energy costs and improve the sustainability of their facilities.

There are many communities in rural Alaska that have little to no city government, and community facilities are operated by the local tribal government. Even in communities that do maintain an incorporated city, many community services are supplied and performed in tribally owned facilities. With limited grant funding available, access to funding from the Alaska Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund will provide tribal entities an alternative funding mechanism to reduce their dependence on diesel fuel, and improve the sustainability of their community facilities.

Many cities in rural Alaska lack local technical skills, financial capacity and management ability. Non-profit entities often fill gaps in community services; operating essential community facilities to provide for the public good. Access to the Alaska Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan fund will allow these non-profits the ability to secure funding to reduce their facility energy costs. Lower energy costs will lower operating costs and ensure that non-profits can continue to provide essential services.

As an Alaskan citizen with real concern for Alaska's energy future, I strongly believe in the benefit this project will provide for Alaskan communities. Eligibility for non-profits and tribal entities to secure funding from the Alaska Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund will reduce energy use in facilities that serve the people of Alaska, and improve the sustainability of our communities.

Sincerely,

Gavin Dixon