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Representative Cathy Muñoz
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 501
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Muñoz:

On behalf of the City and Borough of Juneau Borough Assembly, I wish to extend our support regarding changes to AS 29.45.041 as it pertains to tax deferral of certain subdivision property.

The Assembly Lands Committee and the Juneau Affordable Housing Commission reviewed requests brought forth from the Southeast Alaska Building Industry Association and the Alaska State Home Building Association requesting changing the tax deferral law to a tax abatement law. Assemblymember Kiehl, as the Lands Committee Chair, brought this request forward to the Assembly, and the Assembly, at its February 23, 2015 meeting, recommended forwarding a letter of support to your office.

As you are aware, affordable housing is one of the Assembly's stated goals. If legislation you are introducing regarding AS 29.45.041 helps create an incentive for builders within our community to develop more affordable housing that seems like a win-win for everyone in our community.

Thank you for moving this legislation forward, and for your dedicated service to the citizens of Juneau.

Sincerely,

Merrill Sanford
Mayor

cc: Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Sam Kito III
Borough Assembly
Affordable Housing Commission