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Senate State Affairs Committee  
Senator Bill Stoltze, Chair  
Room 125  
Alaska State Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

**RE: SB 62 – An Act relating to the regulation of marijuana, marijuana testing, marijuana products, and marijuana accessories; relating to the licensing of marijuana retailers, producers, processors, boutique producers, brokers, and home growers; relating to taxation of marijuana; and providing for an effective date.**

Dear Committee Members,

The Alaska Municipal League and its 164 municipal members have put much time and effort into how we can safely and effectively operate with regards to the passage of the marijuana initiative. We must find a way to allow the will of the people and protect our residents on both sides of the issue.

As you may know, the cost of implementation of new laws and regulations dealing with marijuana will be added to our already strained budgets. We are concerned that the latest version of SB 62 deletes the language that was present in the initiative that directs the state to share one-half of the capped application fee with the municipality from which the application was received.

Most of the direct impacts from marijuana businesses will be felt at the local level. We respectfully request that your committee consider re-inserting the language that allow the affected municipality to receive a copy of the application and "half of the registration application fee."

Sincerely,

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