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SB132 Electronic Tax Returns & Motor Fuel Tax

Senate Transportation Committee

1:00 pm, February 4, 2016

Aves D. Thompson, Executive Director

Alaska Trucking Association

Thank you. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am Aves Thompson, Executive Director of the Alaska Trucking Association. The Alaska Trucking Association is a state wide organization representing the interests of our nearly 200 member companies from Barrow to Ketchikan. Freight movement is an essential element of our economy and impacts all of us each and every day.

One of the ATA Legislative Priorities for 2016 is the development of a balanced, durable long term fiscal plan, utilizing cuts to state government, use of the permanent fund earnings and taxes, if required. The fuel tax increase, as proposed in SB132, is acceptable within the framework of the long term fiscal plan. We believe that action is critical this legislative session.



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The Alaska Trucking Association has long supported a fuel tax increase if the funds could be dedicated to transportation needs. We realize that this won't happen in this bill but feel strongly that we need to help to resolve the fiscal issues by doing our part.

Thank you for your time and I'm available to answer any questions.

Aves Thompson  
Executive Director



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