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P.O. Box 21989  
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Dear Alaska Legislator:

On behalf of the Organized Village of Kake (OVK) I am writing in support of the reauthorization of the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) program. Our tribal government has worked for many years along with others in our community on economic development for Kake which and in turn, affects the region. Part of making all this happen includes working with Southeast Conference and OVK values the work we do with them as a vital part of the process. Given that and knowing that the ARDOR program is an important piece of keeping Southeast Conference working with all of us, we support the ARDORs. This program offer great benefit to the state, and will continue to be a crucial component in Alaska's future efforts to diversify and grow the economy.

The ARDOR program was created in 1988, with the goal of supporting regional economic development organizations' efforts to grow and strengthen their local economies. The eleven organizations that currently hold ARDOR status work diligently to uphold that mission. Leveraging a relatively modest investment by the state (roughly \$70,000 per ARDOR), these organizations have been able to match the state funds they receive by almost three to one. They've been able to utilize this funding to do a range of important projects across the state, which have improved the local economies and driven economic development efforts statewide.

The Organized Village of Kake is proud to support the ARDORs efforts to make Alaska a better place to live and do business. We believe that this type of statewide, collaborative economic development effort is exactly what Alaska needs.

We urge your support for the ARDOR reauthorization at its current funding level. This project is not only a good use of state dollars, but an excellent resource for the state and private sector.

Sincerely,

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President

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