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Dear Speaker Chenault,

I own Arctic Wire Rope & Supply, an industrial manufacturing and supply company in Anchorage. I am writing to encourage passage of HB 100.

Obviously I have a vested interest in seeing this happen as we were a strong supplier to Agrium in the past but reopening the plant would have more far reaching economic impact than my shop, especially in the Kenai area. At a time when abundant oil and gas is having a negative impact on the Alaskan economy, this is actually a unique way for us to take advantage of an oversupply of gas.

Much like what Iceland is doing with aluminum smelting leveraging their hydropower, we can do the same with our new found gas, creating more local value by turning the gas into fertilizer. I especially like the concept of "pay to play" as the state doesn't give credits until the Agrium facilities are up and running.

The more value added manufacturing we can do, especially at the present time, the better.

Thank you for your consideration,

Eric McCallum
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