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Honorable Members of the Alaska State Senate

Dear Alaskan Policy maker:

The Associated General Contractors of Alaska (AGC) is writing to urge you to pass CSSB 26 as part of a sustainable fiscal plan for Alaska.

The AGC is a trade association representing over 650 general and specialty contractors, suppliers, manufacturers, and businesses participating in one of Alaska's largest economic sectors. The current economic uncertainty has resulted in a decline in the construction economy of nearly 20% this past year and a similar decline in construction employment. Alaska needs a plan that will provide some stability to the economy and give business the confidence to invest in Alaska.

A fiscal plan will take a combination of spending cuts and revenue measures but central to a plan is the use of Permanent Fund earnings to provide the basis of a sustainable economy for Alaska.

A successful fiscal plan must be fair, it must not bring undue burden to any one group but it must cause all Alaskan's to share in the solution. We believe that CSSB 26 helps meet those criteria and ask for your support.

Sincerely,

John MacKinnon, Executive Director
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