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To: Energy Committee Alaska State House of Representatives
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To the Honorable House Members on the Energy Committee,

I would like to voice my support for HB 206. I live just outside the town core of the small community of Tenakee Springs off grid and depend on satellite internet communication since there is no other option. It has been difficult to get someone out here to install and service our satellite system. So difficult to get reliable timely service for me and my neighbors that I have started to train to become a Hughes Net Installer myself. Soon I will have completed the Hughes Net national installer training. Many, many of my neighbors have been contacting me about installing the latest technology and they are VERY GLAD that a LOCAL person will be trained to assist them with their communication needs.

I was not aware of the electrical administrator nor licensed contractor requirements prior to completing more than half my training. Admittedly I should have done more to find out about these current regulations prior to training. That still does not change the need for our community and I'm sure many other communities throughout the state to have locally trained individuals to provide satellite internet. People like myself who have spent time and money to acquire the necessary training to become a satellite internet installer and frankly are not likely to become an electrical administrator or contractor.

At this point I can say that HB 206 would enable me to complete my training and install and service the latest technology which we need out here just to make a reliable phone call. There is no cell phone service here. Many people in Tenakee will be adversely affected if we cannot get someone local to qualify as an installer.

Thank you for considering this, my testimony in support of HB 206.

Sincerely,

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