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To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
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Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing to offer my support for Senate Bill 123.

Together, we suffer from an artifact of Alaska's history, under the jurisdiction of numerous small utilities. Without regional planning and an ability to work at scale, lower energy prices and a transition to renewable technologies will remain little more than an aspiration.

This bill is a critical step towards fundamental ambitions that we all share: more affordable energy, economic growth and personal prosperity. The approach in SB123 builds upon decades of efforts to integrate our utilities, and much work has been dedicated to refining the legislation as drafted.

We cannot afford to stagnate any longer under the status quo. This bill is long overdue, good for Alaskans, and critical to our future. I urge your support and passage.

Sincerely,
Ian Laing