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To: Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Ronald Gillham; Rep. Sarah Vance; House Transportation
Subject: HB 104

Dear Representatives,

I support HB 104, and think you should also.

While I don't often support tax increases, I do support this one. DOT&PF M&O budget has been cut for many years and is now to the point that maintenance stations are being closed and road safety is being compromised due to reduced maintenance. Federal funding is not available to M&O like it is for Capital Improvement Projects. A good solution to this is proposed in HB104; increase the Motor Fuel tax. The Motor Fuel tax has not been increased in 50 years. Alaska will still be the state with the lowest Motor Fuel Tax even with the proposed tax increase. Since this is a true user tax, the increased revenue should go directly to the DOT&PF M&O for maintenance of our highways and airports.

I strongly urge you to support HB 104.

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