

To the House Resources Committee through the Chair:

I'm writing in support HB 156. I'm a Social Impact Entrepreneur in the industry. I work with the micro-scale farmer, technical people and fund managers on a regular basis to uplift the hemp economy in under resourced communities in America. I sit on a national committee regarding our plant fiber technology alongside our supporters with major American companies to help them reach their sustainability goals to source from plant-based manufacturers.

According to our Market Analysis, hemp has great potential in Alaska on bringing renewable solutions to replace destructive plastics, solving the high cost of winter heating in rural Alaska and building affordable homes using new construction technology with hempcrete. Hemp will also bring remediation solutions to contaminated lands impacted by toxic chemicals. Passing this bill would enable Alaskans to create a new state economy while building a bridge to a greener world for our generation and future generations.

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