



April 1, 2021

State of Alaska

State Capitol, Terry Miller Building, Suite 111

Juneau, AK 99801-1182

**RE: Support for House Bill No. 108**

To Whom It May Concern:

Roger Hickel Contracting, Inc. (RHC) is a locally owned General Contractor in both building and civil construction in the state of Alaska. RHC employs numerous hard-working operators, carpenters, and laborers each year. It is imperative that the local workforce is trained and certified to work in the construction industry. By supporting vocational programs it will help build our future in the construction industry in Alaska. We need determined workers who produce quality work and are trained to work safely, and keep up with the ever-changing technology required in our industry.

By supporting this bill we hope that secondary school students over the age of 14 years old can have the opportunity to participate in concurrent vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade experience for industry-standard instruction. By this bill passing we are essentially building Alaska's economy and the future of Alaskan students.

RHC is in full support for House Bill No. 108 and believes it to be a great investment for the State of Alaska and all of its communities.

Sincerely,

Sean Hickel, President  
Roger Hickel Contracting, Inc.