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Encouraging the repeal of the Anchorage Vehicle Inspection and Management Program.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS, in 1985, the Anchorage Assembly and Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly implemented vehicle inspection and management programs in response to air quality concerns regarding excessive amounts of carbon monoxide; and

WHEREAS the Anchorage and Fairbanks programs required annual testing of automobile emissions to ensure that air quality levels in Anchorage and Fairbanks would be in compliance with standards imposed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, in response to substantially lowered levels of carbon monoxide, the programs were amended in 1995 to require only biennial emissions testing; and

WHEREAS Fairbanks emissions levels have been in compliance with state and federal air quality regulations since 2000, and Anchorage has not exceeded air quality standards since 1996; and

WHEREAS advancements in automotive technology have significantly reduced emissions in newer automobiles, thereby negating the need for the Anchorage and Fairbanks

vehicle inspection and management programs; and

WHEREAS the cost of inspection and repairs imposes an unnecessary burden on vehicle owners; and

WHEREAS, in November 2007, the Anchorage Assembly determined that the program was no longer necessary and voted to end the program, effective January 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly also voted to terminate the program at the end of the 25-year tenure of the program; and

WHEREAS, in July 2008, in spite of public protest, the Anchorage Assembly rescinded its 2007 decision and reinstated the vehicle inspection and management program;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives requests that the Anchorage Assembly rescind its decision to reinstate the vehicle inspection and management program and encourages the repeal of the program because the program imposes an unnecessary burden on motorists.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Daniel A. Sullivan, Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage, and to each member of the Anchorage Assembly.