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Hello Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Michael Cervantes and I am the operating member of The Banks Alehouse located in Fairbanks. We have had a restaurant in this location since 2004 and employ over 40 employees.

Our hospitality industry depends on pull-tab revenue as part of our overall operation, and we value the partnerships we have with charitable organizations. SB 170 will allow electronic pull-tabs in the form of tablets, which will help increase revenue potential for our businesses as well as charities, all while modernizing charitable gaming throughout Alaska. Many of our younger patrons prefer an electronic option as compared to the traditional methods. Let's not fail our charities and businesses by not allowing industry modernization and growth. Now is the time to act!

To help the committee, I recommend reviewing statistics from the Minnesota gaming sector because they have demonstrated that this approach increases revenue for both electronic and traditional paper pull-tabs. This means benefiting charities, businesses, and the state even more. This bill will help ensure continued economic stability for small businesses around the state, yes around the state, not just 1 community. I respectfully ask for your support of the current draft of SB 170.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
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