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Subject: Letter of Support for SB 170

Dear Members of the Alaska State Senate Finance Committee,

On behalf of Alaska CHARR and its Government Affairs Committee, we write to express our strong support for SB 170 as currently written and to thank you for scheduling the bill for a hearing.

SB 170 provides important updates and clarifications to Alaska's gaming statutes, including provisions related to bingo, pull-tabs, and electronic pull-tab systems. For many hospitality businesses across the state, charitable gaming is an integral part of their operations and a meaningful way to support nonprofit partners and community initiatives. A clear, modern, and workable statutory framework is *essential* for both compliance and long-term business stability.

As written, SB 170 strikes an appropriate balance between maintaining regulatory oversight and allowing businesses and charitable organizations to operate efficiently and responsibly. Clear and consistent rules surrounding electronic pull-tab systems and related gaming activities reduce uncertainty, support lawful operations, and help ensure continued economic and charitable benefits in communities throughout Alaska.

Alaska's hospitality industry continues to face significant economic pressures. Providing regulatory clarity in areas that directly affect day-to-day operations is a practical and meaningful step forward. We appreciate the Committee's willingness to hear this legislation and respectfully urge favorable consideration.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to Alaska's business community. Alaska CHARR stands ready to provide testimony or additional information as needed.

Sincerely,

Paul Thomas, Board Chair, Alaska CHARR

Michael Cervantes, Chair, Alaska CHARR Government Affairs Committee

