



April 23, 2025

Dear Members of the Community and Regional Affairs Committee:

As the most prominent business advocacy organization in Interior Alaska, The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce writes to support House Bill 13. The Fairbanks Chamber’s advocacy agenda focuses on economic growth, workforce development, and support for policies that enhance business operations. We believe HB 13, to the extent it can help the supply side of various housing types, aligns with these priorities.

HB 13 enables municipalities to exempt or partially exempt from taxation: homes converting from short-term rentals to long-term rentals, mobile home parks, real property rented to low-income families, permanent residents, and first-time home buyers. A municipality like Fairbanks need not employ any or all of these tax exemptions – but it is the case that both the city of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks North Star Borough are developing policies and legislation to address our housing shortage via local tax structure.

Importantly, current proposals in Fairbanks use rebates so as not to foul the tax caps or school funding formulas. Therefore, we request that the bill enable municipalities to also use rebates to the same end of greater housing availability.

We appreciate the sponsor’s effort with this legislation.

Respectfully,
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