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Co-Chairs Mears and Holland, and House Energy Committee Members:

My name is Henry Krull. I am a 26-year Alaska /Kenai Peninsula resident and am writing to support HB165. I did provide phone-in testimony last month. I am a resident as well as local businessman in Soldotna. While my primary occupation is Orthopedic Surgeon, I am deeply involved in small business, and own a solar design and installation company, Peninsula Solar, based in Soldotna, since 2021. Part of the success that my company has achieved is due to loan funding that I received by way of the Alaska Energy Authority "Power Project Fund" program, which made it possible for me to construct the largest solar array on the Kenai Peninsula.

I am a heavy consumer of electricity through my own small business ventures and strongly support local and statewide development of alternative / renewable energy. Solar, wind, and other renewable sources should be developed on a private and regional / statewide basis to combat the rising cost of energy in Alaska, as well as to diversify our collective energy production portfolio. I support this bill because it will encourage residents and small businesses to invest in renewable energy, which will be of benefit to all Alaska residents in the form of reliable and less costly energy to supplement our grid-supplied energy, and ultimately reduce our reliance on natural gas as the primary source of electricity. The passage of this bill will also be an economic stimulus for solar and other renewable energy companies such as mine, as it will stimulate further residential and small business renewable energy development.

I encourage you to support and pass HB164.

I am happy to answer any questions that may arise.

Regards,

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