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Letter of Support – HB 383

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Dear House Education Committee,

It is with strong conviction that I offer this letter in support of HB 383, as a dedicated effort to address the ongoing major maintenance needs within our state's public education system.

Please note the following elements this bill could help address: (1) reducing turnover within DEED in these critical, specialized roles that support school maintenance operations; (2) leading efforts and supporting staff on the ground in rural Alaska in developing and executing preventative maintenance programs; (3) serving as a valuable resource for staff seeking guidance and feedback; and (4) saving districts and the state millions of dollars through these coordinated efforts.

The deferred maintenance and capital needs of our public education system are well documented and continue to impact the quality of learning environments for students across the state. This effort by the House Education Committee represents a deliberate, strategic, and invaluable step forward in developing a long-term solution (one of many that will be required) to address these significant challenges. By prioritizing sustainable planning and targeted support, this legislation acknowledges both the scale and urgency of these needs. Most importantly, it reflects a commitment to improving the conditions that directly impact student learning, safety, and overall success.

In closing, thank you for working towards this outcome and know that we adamantly support this initiative.

Sincerely,

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