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February 8, 2024

The Honorable Cathy Tilton
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill to increase the statutory cap for the regulatory cost charge established to fund the activities of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) and the Department of Law's Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy unit. The regulatory cost charge is charged to regulated pipeline carriers and public utilities providing telecommunications services, natural gas and storage, electricity, steam heat, water and wastewater, and refuse.

Passage of this bill will allow the RCA to continue its important mission without requiring additional State funding. Currently, the RCA is operating near its statutory cap and would potentially need additional appropriations in the future to continue its regulation and rate setting activities. Increasing the regulatory cost charge allows the RCA to continue to function based on the funds collected from regulatory entities.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "m.d" and "m.j".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosure