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The Honorable Pete Kelly
State Senate
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: Support for SB125

Senator Kelly:

I write this letter today in support of Senate Bill 125, an act relating to the financing and issuance of bonds for a liquefied natural gas production system and natural gas distribution system. Thank you as well for your personal support in moving this important piece of legislation forward.

SB125 will extend the time and authority for the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) to issue bonds out to 2023. As you know, our air quality needs significant improvement and Interior residents need access to cheaper and more reliable forms of energy; critical for the health, safety and economic well-being of our community. SB125 will enable the good work of the Interior Energy Project and the Interior Gas Utility to continue build out of natural gas infrastructure and soon, the first natural gas service beyond the city limits of Fairbanks.

Sincerely,

Karl Kassel, Mayor