

February 26, 2018

The Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: Senate Bill 205 (Telecommunications Regulation/Exemptions)

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of TelAlaska, a telecommunications service company serving 24 communities in rural Alaska, I am writing with my support of Senate Bill 205.

TelAlaska is a provider of local, long distance and cellular phone service, as well as cable television and internet service. The company serves over 31,000 square miles of remote rural areas from Fort Yukon, to Little Diomede, to the Aleutians and the Kenai Peninsula. Only three of the 24 Alaska communities that TelAlaska serves are accessible by road. Headquartered in Anchorage, TelAlaska has customer service and operations sites in Unalaska/Dutch Harbor, Seward, and Nome.

We strongly support the changes and updates to Alaska telecommunication statutes that are included in SB 205. The current statutes are outdated and need revisions to more accurately reflect today's technology. TelAlaska believes that SB 205 would be beneficial to our customers through consumer protections and would also encourage and support our company's continued investment in new technologies and infrastructure to better serve our customers. Furthermore, the elimination of unnecessary tariff filings would make operations more efficient for both the RCA and the providers.

Thank you for your consideration of these important revisions. Please reach out if I can assist in answering any questions about Alaska telecommunications.

Sincerely,



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