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Senator Pete Kelly
State Capitol Room 516
Juneau AK, 99801

Senator Anna MacKinnon
State Capitol Room 516
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Senator Kelly & Senator MacKinnon,

Superior Pellet Fuels, LLC supports the proposed amendments to AS 38.05.110 and 38.05.118 in regards to expanding the authority of the Commissioner of Natural Resources to negotiate the sale of timber at appraised value.

Currently under AS 38.05.118 the Commissioner of Natural Resources may negotiate timber sales to local manufactures at appraised value but negotiated sales larger than 500,000 board feet may only be offered in areas of high unemployment, excess manufacturing capacity and underutilized allowable cut of timber. As it is written, AS 38.05.118 excludes Fairbanks, because our lower unemployment rate.

Economic access to timber is one of the major constraints on wood manufacturing and raw material industries and this amendment would open up additional resource options. In an area with extreme air quality issues such as Fairbanks and North Pole our clean-burning and lower cost fuel options provide a fantastic alternative. The proposed amendments would open a door of opportunity for manufacturing companies such as Superior Pellet Fuels, LLC.

We encourage immediate action in favor of Senate Bill 32.

Sincerely,

Chad Schumacher
General Manager
Superior Pellet Fuels, LLC