

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

May 1, 2018

The Honorable Anna MacKinnon
State of Alaska, District D
State Capitol 516
Juneau, AK 99801



Re: HB 409 – An Act relating to identification cards; relating to permanent motor vehicle registration; relating to vehicle registration fee rates; relating to changes of address; relating to driver's license fees; and relating to financial responsibility for motor vehicles.

Dear Senator MacKinnon,

We respectfully object to House Bill 409. Specifically, we are concerned with the proposed large increase in the registration fee for municipally owned vehicles from \$10 to \$100.

The Mat-Su Borough uses approximately 410 vehicles to execute the services our Borough is required to do. The proposed increased registration fee would dramatically affect our operational budget, as well as other larger municipalities such as Municipality of Anchorage, Fairbanks North Star Borough, City of Fairbanks, and many other cities including Palmer and Wasilla.

Arbitrarily raising prices for Alaska's citizens on chosen services, when that service has not been shown to operate at a loss, should not be considered as a solution to help balance the State budget. Our constituents have faced a cuts in Trooper Services, major delay on state highway services, construction and limitation of State service. We are dealing with these losses. Taking our citizen taxes and sending it to the State is not copasetic.

We appreciate your consideration of our concern.

Sincerely,

John M. Moosey
Borough Manager

cc: Mat-Su Legislators
Mat-Su Borough Assembly

