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Subject: proposed changes to Alaska Education Tax Credit
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Dear Senator MacKinnon,

I am writing to support the extension of Alaska Education Tax Credit as passed by the House in HB233.

I am a direct beneficiary of this tax credit, having received three years of funding for my Ph.D. at the University of Alaska Fairbanks College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences from the Pollock Conservation Cooperative. This funding source would not be possible without the incentives provided by the Education Tax Credit, and it has allowed me to 1) contribute valuable information for management of Pacific halibut through my Ph.D. research, and 2) establish my own small business in fisheries consulting in Alaska. Therefore, the benefits from existing levels of the Education Tax Credit enrich both the ability of the state of Alaska to manage its resources but also contribute to employment opportunities and direct economic benefits in Alaska.

I am concerned that the proposed 50% reduction of this credit in the \$100,000 to \$300,000 tier would severely impact the availability of scholarship funds available to support other students like me. I urge the Senate Finance committee members to take a comprehensive view of the value provided by the Education Tax Credit and restore it to the level passed by the House in HB233.

Thank you very much,

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