



Municipality of Anchorage

Office of the Mayor

Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor

April 5, 2016

Representative Mark Neuman
State Capitol, Room 505
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Representative Steve Thompson
State Capitol, Room 515
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Co-Chairs Neuman and Thompson,

I write in support of House Bill 118, adopting the Municipal Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Act, which allows commercial property owners to finance qualifying energy efficiency improvements - through voluntary property tax assessments.

PACE legislation opens the door for local governments to foster economic growth and supports local economies through partnerships with banks and contractors. We have identified \$19 million in savings from potential building upgrades within the Municipality of Anchorage. HB 118 requires zero state funds to implement and participation is voluntary.

PACE is a proven piece of legislation, passed in thirty-five other states.

Sincerely,

Ethan Berkowitz