



January 6, 2016

Bill Walker, Governor
State of Alaska
P.O. Box
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Governor Walker:

I am writing this letter in support of the reauthorization of the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) program. I believe the work and support the ARDORs are able to provide through this program offer great benefit to the state, and will be a crucial component in Alaska's future efforts to diversify and grow the economy.

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Ahtna, Incorporated supports the ARDORs efforts to ignite local economic development. We believe that this type of statewide, collaborative economic development effort is exactly what Alaska needs at this time.

Please support the ARDOR reauthorization at its current funding level. This program is not only a good use of state dollars, but an excellent development resource for the state and private sector.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Michelle Anderson
President

1/11/16

Lee Nash
740 Pelican Way
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

Hello!

Please reauthorize of the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) program. While pursuing Economic graduate work in the Econ Development vein, I was able to see at ground level how the Comprehensive Economic Study compilations led to ARDOR status and continued work through planning to contribute to regional economies being robust. The legislative support to continue with the elements of this program is a crucial component in Alaska's future efforts to diversify and grow the Statewide economy.

Through the smart leveraging of this investment (only ~\$70,000 per ARDOR), I understand that the match to state funds is just about three to one. They've utilized this funding to do a range of projects to thus drive economic development efforts statewide.

I'm proud to support the ARDORs efforts to make Alaska a better place to live. This is exactly what Alaska needs at this time, as we try to figure out how to survive in a world driven and heavily influenced Pacific Rim economy.

Please utilize your legislative clout to see that the ARDOR reauthorization at its current funding level is maintained.

Sincerely,
Lee Nash
Alaskan resident (quarter of a century)
907-322-2309

November 6, 2015
Quinn M. Hay-Falkner, Owner
Alaska Copper River B&B
P.O. Box 123/0001 Rose's Ave.
Glennallen, Alaska 99588

Dear Lisa Murkowski, Don Young, and Alaska State Legislature:

I am writing this letter in support of the reauthorization of the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) program. I believe the work and support the ARDORs are able to provide through this program offer great benefit to the state, and will be a crucial component in Alaska's future efforts to diversify and grow the economy.

I can personally say that this program in the Copper River Valley has helped us grow our B&B business and improved our economy here in interior Alaska in many ways. This includes working closely with many other entities for positive economic impact in our community.

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Alaska Copper River B&B is proud to support the ARDORs efforts to make Alaska a better place to live, work and play. We believe that this type of statewide, collaborative economic development effort is exactly what Alaska needs at this time.

I hope that you will join us in the Copper River Valley in supporting the ARDOR reauthorization at its current funding level. This project is not only a good use of state dollars, but an excellent resource for the state and private sector.

Sincerely,

Quinn M Hay-Falkner
Owner
Alaska Copper River B&B



**COPPER BUSINESS
AND TAX**

November 23, 2015

Tamara Hamby, small business owner
Copper Business and Tax
PO Box 226
Glennallen, Alaska 99588

Dear Alaska State Legislature:

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Copper Business and Tax is proud to support the ARDORs efforts to make Alaska a better place to live, work and play. We believe that this type of statewide, collaborative economic development effort is exactly what Alaska needs at this time.

I hope that you will join me in supporting the ARDOR reauthorization at its current funding level. This project is not only a good use of state dollars, but an excellent resource for the state and private sector.

Sincerely,



Tamara Hamby
Owner
Copper Business and Tax



November 10, 2015

Glen Holt, UAF-CES Eastern Alaska Forester
University of Alaska Fairbanks
313 O'Neil Building
P.O. Box 757200
Fairbanks, AK 99775-7200

Dear Jason Hoke and the Alaska State Legislature;

I am writing this letter in support of reauthorizing funding of the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) program. I believe the work and support the ARDORs are uniquely able to provide, offers great benefit to the state, and will be a crucial component in Alaska's future efforts to diversify and grow the economy statewide.

The ARDOR program was created in 1988, with the goal of supporting regional economic development organizations' efforts to grow and strengthen local Alaskan economies. The University of Alaska Fairbanks works with many of the 11 organizations that hold ARDOR status and they work diligently to uphold that mission. Leveraging a relatively modest investment by the state (roughly \$70,000 per ARDOR), these organizations have been able to match the state funds they receive by almost three to one. They have then utilized this funding to do a range of important projects across the state which have improved the local economies, improved their local quality of life and driven economic development efforts statewide.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is very pleased to support the ARDORs efforts to make Alaska a better place to live, work and raise families. We believe that this collaborative statewide, economic development effort is more important than ever for Alaska and it's economic future.

Please join us in supporting the ARDOR reauthorization at its current funding level. The ARDOR's are an excellent investment of state dollars that provide significant local returns on that investment. These monies passed through the ARDOR's have proven to be an excellent resource for the state and private sectors in developing local economies.

Sincerely,

Glen Holt
Cooperative Extension Service Forester
University of Alaska Fairbanks



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*"Protecting the rural and wild natural environment of the
Copper River/Wrangell Mountains region."*

November 23, 2015

Re: Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) Program

To Whom it May Concern:

Copper Country Alliance supports the reauthorization and funding of the Alaska Regional Development Association (ARDOR) program.

Through hard work, imagination, and a persistent dedication to our region's economic and social well-being, our local ARDOR, Copper Valley Development Association (CVDA), has accomplished a lot, and has done so frugally. One of this region's many challenges is the high cost of energy, one of the highest in the state. Our ARDOR has teamed up with the Alaska Energy Authority to produce an energy plan for this region. It is not just another plan that sits on the shelf. Even before starting the plan, and before its completion, our ARDOR has addressed energy needs of specific businesses and organizations and helped them obtain the funding and expertise to make important cost-cutting changes.

We have appreciated our ARDOR's efforts to establish open and effective working relationships with this region's businesses, organizations, and agencies. This year, for example, it was the driving force and co-sponsor of a regional energy conference. It brought together experts in many energy fields with members of tribal groups, businesses, and organizations such as ours in an informative and worthwhile forum.

The ARDOR program costs very little and delivers a lot. We encourage you to support the ARDOR program with reauthorization and continued funding at its present level.

Sincerely,

COPPER COUNTRY ALLIANCE

Cliff Eames, Board Chairman

Ruth McHenry
Volunteer Staff

November 11, 2015

Elizabeth Bengtson
Copper River LEPC Coordinator
Copper River Local Emergency Preparedness Committee
PO Box 5
Glennallen, Alaska 99588

Dear Alaska State Legislator,

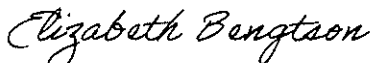
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The Copper River LEPC is proud to support the ARDORs efforts to make Alaska a better place to live, work and play. We believe that this type of statewide, collaborative economic development effort is exactly what Alaska needs at this time.

I hope that you will join us in supporting the ARDOR reauthorization at its current funding level. This project is not only a good use of state dollars, but an excellent resource for the state and private sector.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Bengtson
Copper River LEPC Coordinator
Copper River Local Emergency Preparedness Committee



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November 16, 2015

Dear Legislators,

As Alaska faces what is arguably its greatest fiscal challenge since statehood, rural Alaska will have to confront this reality with limited resources and infrastructure. The Copper Valley is fortunate to have the Copper Valley Development Association (CVDA) as a guiding organization to help our communities adjust to the new economic context and properly plan for a sustainable future.

CVDA is partially supported through the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) program. Without this small investment by the AK Legislature, CVDA would not be available in this time of significant economic disruption. Even as the elected officials grapple with difficult budget decisions, they can look to the ARDOR program to help rural Alaska navigate this time of economic transition.

The Copper River School District has benefited from CVDA's work in our community. Funding the ARDOR program is an efficient and effective way for the AK Legislature to provide meaningful support to the rural Alaskan economy during this unprecedented economic crisis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Johnson
Superintendent



December 1, 2015

Jason Hoke,
Executive Director
Copper Valley Development Association, Inc
P.O. Box 9
Glennallen, Alaska 99588

Dear Jason,

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "David Dengel". The signature is stylized and written over the printed name.

David Dengel
Chief Executive Officer
Copper Valley Telecom

CRITR

Copper River-Ahtna Inter-Tribal Resource Conservation District
P.O. Box 613
Glennallen, AK 99588
907-822-8126

January 6, 2016

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P.O. Box
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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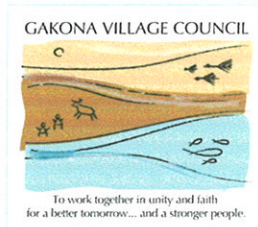
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If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,


Karen Linnell, Executive Director



November 23, 2015

Jason Hoke, Executive Director
Copper Valley Development Association
Mile 111 Richardson Highway
Glennallen, AK 99588

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The Native Village of Gakona is proud to support the ARDORs efforts to make Alaska a better place to live, work and play. We believe that this type of statewide, collaborative economic development effort is exactly what Alaska needs at this time.

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Sincerely,

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Charlene Nollner,
Tribal Administrator

11/10/15
Eric D. Lutz
Glennallen's Rustic B&B Resort
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Glennallen, Alaska 99588

Alaska State Legislature,

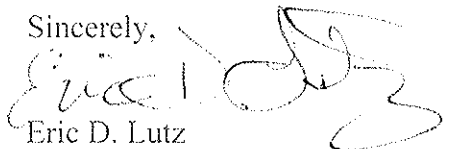
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The Rustic B&B Resort is proud to support the ARDORs efforts to make Alaska a better place to live, work and play. We believe that this type of statewide, collaborative economic development effort is exactly what Alaska needs at this time. Our business has benefitted by several of the opportunities which the ARDOR program has provided which has improved our business and helped us to be more economically strong and energy efficient. Our area, Copper Basin, is struggling with the high costs of energy and the ARDOR program is actively working for solutions that work to improve the conditions in our area and statewide. They are actively working for increased energy efficiency and economic development which are crucial to the survival of the residents who call this state home.

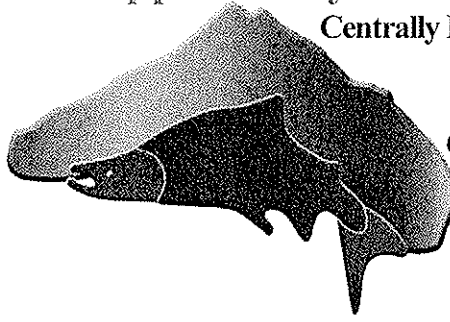
I believe so strongly in the ARDOR program that I have recently become a board member, not only to support this program but to ensure that the effort that is already established continue. As you are aware, our time is the most precious commodity that we have and I will use it to support the ARDOR program because I know it works. I only ask that you continue to support it at the same level which you are currently. Thank you for spending your time reading and acting on this matter.

Sincerely,



Eric D. Lutz
Small Business Owner
Glennallen's Rustic B&B Resort

Greater Copper Valley Chamber of Commerce
Centrally Located At The Hub Junction



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January 6, 2016

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State of Alaska
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I hope that you will join us in supporting the ARDOR reauthorization at its current funding level. This project is not only a good use of state dollars, but an excellent resource for the state and private sector.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Bruce Cain, President

December 9th, 2015
Rebekah Donohue, Secretary
Kenny Lake Community League
HC 60 Box 231
Copper Center, Alaska 99573

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The Kenny Lake Community League is proud to support the ARDORs efforts to make Alaska a better place to live, work and play. We believe that this type of statewide, collaborative economic development effort is exactly what Alaska needs at this time.

I hope that you will join us in supporting the ARDOR reauthorization at its current funding level. This project is not only a good use of state dollars, but an excellent resource for the state and private sector.

Sincerely,
Rebekah Donohue
Secretary
Kenny Lake Community League

Lappi Self Storage
PO Box 194
Mile 129 Richardson Hwy
Gakona, AK 99586

November 23, 2015

Jason Hoke, Executive Director
Copper Valley Development Association
Mile 111 Richardson Highway
Glennallen, AK 99588

Dear Mr. Hoke,

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The owners of Lappi Self-Storage in Gakona are proud to support the ARDORs efforts to make Alaska a better place to live, work and play. We believe that this type of statewide, collaborative economic development effort is exactly what Alaska needs at this time.

We really hope that you will join us in supporting the ARDOR reauthorization at its current funding level. This project is not only a good use of state dollars, but an excellent resource for the state and private sector.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Lappi
Lappi Self Storage

November 10, 2015

Tom and Kimberly Huddleston, Proprietors
Old Town Copper Center Inn & Restaurant
(formerly Copper Center Lodge)
Mile 101 Old Richardson Loop Road
Copper Center, AK 99573

Dear Jason

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Sincerely,

Tom & Kimberly Huddleston
Proprietors
Old Town Copper Center Inn & Restaurant



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Date: November 30th 2015

To the Alaska State Legislature:

I wish to give my professional endorsement to the Copper Valley Development Association. I reached out Jason Hoke in early 2015 to discuss the work he did with the contained growing system at Glennallen. Jason and the entire CVDA have been extremely helpful as I've brought my business from an idea to a going concern. The team has been nothing less than totally and completely supportive of our efforts in every way, and they represent a significant asset to interior Alaska. They have been instrumental in our early stage growth.

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Jason and his team were able to assist us with our business planning and connect us to multiple development initiatives throughout the state, opening doors for us to pursue our development goals as a business. I have never met a group of people who care so much about the work they do and its significant and tangible impact on their communities. It has been a pleasure to work with the Copper Valley Development Association over the last year, and we look forward to working with them in the years to come. I sincerely hope that you will support reauthorization of the ARDOR at its current funding levels.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss the CVDA at your convenience. Please contact me at dan@vhhydroponics.com or (907) 331-8509.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Dan Perpich", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dan Perpich
Founder/CEO
Vertical Harvest Hydroponics

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Office of Governor Sean Parnell
STATE OF ALASKA

May 19, 2014

Mr. Jason Hoke
Executive Director
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Glennallen, AK 99588

Dear Mr. Hoke,

I wanted to thank you for your hospitality while Wayne and I visited Glennallen for the Choose Respect March. I appreciate the time you put into arranging visits to make our stay in Glennallen especially productive.

It is extremely exciting to see the economic development initiatives and creativity exhibited by the Copper Valley Development Association (CVDA). From agriculture to energy planning, CVDA is a great resource and advocate for the region.

We sincerely appreciate your dedication to the people and businesses of the Copper Valley. We hope to see you again this summer on our various Alaskan adventures. Please feel free to contact me at 907-269-7450 or by email at Rachel.Bylsma@alaska.gov if I can be of assistance. Best wishes in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Bylsma".

Rachel Bylsma
Special Assistant