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Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 532
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: AOGA Support for Senate Bill 176

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members:

The Alaska Oil and Gas Association (AOGA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on Senate Bill 176 (SB176).

Incorporated in Alaska in 1966, AOGA is a professional trade association whose mission is to foster the long-term viability of the oil and gas industry for the benefit of all Alaskans. For more than half a century, we have represented the majority of companies exploring, developing, producing, transporting, refining, or marketing oil and gas on the North Slope, in the Cook Inlet, and in the offshore areas of Alaska. On behalf of our membership, we write to express our support for SB176.

Since 1969, the Kenai refinery, currently operated by Marathon Petroleum, has contributed significantly to our state and local economies. In addition to employing Alaskans at their Kenai plant, as well as contractors and operators, they are also one of the largest taxpayers in the Kenai Peninsula Borough. As an in-state manufacturer they provide critical fuel for use across Alaska and beyond.

This contract with the State of Alaska is critical to enable Marathon to continue providing essential transportation fuels locally and contributing significantly to our state economy. Additionally, the Department of Natural Resources noted in their Best Interest Finding the additional financial benefit to the State due to the price the state will receive for its Royalty in Kind oil.

We believe in supporting this bill the Legislature will encourage further positive economic benefits to the State similar to those noted above. We appreciate the opportunity to comment in support of SB176.

Sincerely,

Kara Moriarty
President/CEO