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Honorable Members,

Please accept this letter of support for HB 250 to "Extend the Renewable Energy Grant Fund." Over the past four years, this fund has brought together various stakeholders throughout Alaska to evaluate and fund renewable energy proposals that by 2013 will have displaced nearly six million galls of diesel fuel.

In Wrangell, a \$2 million grant helped our community replace diesel boilers in municipal buildings that will result in long-term savings of millions of dollars. These savings keep our precious dollars in our communities for reinvestment in our local economy.

Having participated in the Southeast Alaska Integrated Resource Plan Advisory Working Group, it is also clear that major investments in demand side management, energy efficiency, biofuels, and future hydro projects must continue to meet our growing energy needs in an affordable and sustainable way. HB 250 and the \$50 million per year over 10 years investment will be absolutely critical to meet these challenges and ensure our communities, and all of Southeast, remain viable and competitive.

I appreciate your consideration and if you have questions, do not hesitate to contact the Borough Manager, Timothy D. Rooney, or me, at Wrangell City Hall, phone: 907-874-2381, or by email: tdrooney@wrangell.com or jmaxand@hotmail.com

Sincerely,

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