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House Finance Members
Juneau, Alaska

RE: HB 36

The Alaska Municipal League is in full support of the intent of HB 36. Recently, this need was made clear to us as members of the Gag Law Coalition, as we attempt to inform Alaskans as to the importance of voting down an initiative (the Anti-Corruption Initiative) that has been funded by a resident of New York. The group formed by this individual, the Clean Team, has been actively working on this initiative since 2007. However, no financial reporting was due from them until just recently; and that reporting covered a very small period of time.

The voting public had no access to who these people are; where they are from; what their intentions are; etc.

This political group formed by the New York resident, for the purpose of clamping down the ability of state and local government to operate in an open fashion, is known as the Clean Team. They do have a small number of Alaska members. They also operate an office in Anchorage and have used paid signature gatherers over the years.

We feel the funds needed to accomplish the above items should be reportable to APOC and to the Alaskan people.

Sincerely,

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