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The Honorable Peggy Wilson, Chair
House Transportation Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Wilson:

House Bill 102 was read across the floor on January 18, 2011 and transmitted to the House Transportation Committee for consideration. I respectfully request a hearing to be scheduled at your earliest convenience for the motor fuel tax suspension to be discussed.

Although this bill requests that the motor fuel tax be suspended for a period of two years beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, we would seek to amend the bill to begin July 1, 2012 and end June 30, 2013. Alaskans are faced with some of the highest costs for fuel in the nation and the financial burden, especially to families in the rural areas, is tremendous. Any relief the state can give to its citizens should be considered a benefit.

The amount saved will vary from person to person depending on the type and amount of fuel utilized but the typical individual would see a savings of 8 cents per gallon of gas when filling up their automobile.

Attached in order are the following:

1. Governor's letter of transmittal
2. Most recent version of HB 102
3. Fiscal notes
4. Sectional analysis
5. Additional documents

If the Committee seeks additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Marc Luken
Commissioner