

March 19, 2012

The Honorable Cathy Munoz, Chair
House Community & Regional Affairs Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 403
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: Support of HB 366

Dear Chair Munoz:

I'm writing on behalf of Food Bank of Alaska and the state-wide anti-hunger network, in support of HB 366.


In times of disaster, access to safe food and water are a critical part of emergency response services. Food Bank of Alaska currently participates in Alaska VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster) and also responded in times of disaster at the Miller's Reach and Hooper Bay fires. HB 366 will create an infrastructure that provides for coordinated, comprehensive, and consistent emergency response throughout Alaska. Based on model legislation for intrastate mutual aid systems (IMAS), HB 366 is promoted by the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other emergency response organizations.

Food Bank of Alaska believes that HB 366 will provide an efficient structure for emergency services that will benefit everyone in Alaska. I encourage members of the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee to vote in favor of this legislation.

Should you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me at 907-222-3111 or smorgan@foodbankofalaska.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Susannah Morgan
Executive Director

CC: Vice-Chair Neal Foster
Representative Alan Austerman
Representative Alan Dick
Representative Dan Saddler
Representative Sharon Cissna
Representative Berta Gardner

