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Honorable Cathy Munoz
State Capitol Room 403
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Munoz:

While the Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC) enthusiastically supports HB 131 and appreciates your leadership in developing statewide coordinated transportation planning, we are concerned the Advisory Board composition proposed in HB 131 has too few members which actually operate public transportation systems.

In FY10, Juneau residents and visitors took 1.23 million trips on the local Capital Transit bus system. This represents 3,380 rides per day, and a 22 percent increase over FY2002. The Capital City Transit system is currently working at capacity.

JEDC strongly suggests HB 131 be amended to add one additional municipality to the membership of the Alaska Community and Public Transportation Advisory Board.

Sincerely,


Kurt Fredriksson
Board Chair


Brian Holst
Executive Director

Cc: Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Beth Kerttula