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State of Alaska  
Honorable Legislators  
Juneau, Alaska

Sent via email

RE: House Bill 298

Dear Honorable Legislators:

I would like to express my support for House Bill 298, in the Legislature of the State of Alaska, Twenty-Seventh Legislature – Second Session.

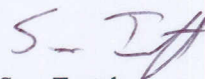
The above referenced House Bill, as introduced on January 25, 2012, would exempt sand and gravel mines from the requirement to calculate and pay the annual mining license tax. I am supportive of removing the requirement that sand and gravel mines be subject to the mining license tax as the law currently reads.

Current statutes and regulations are vague and difficult to understand. I have had many conversations with State of Alaska employees at the Department of Revenue regarding this tax. It is my belief that each person reading the regulations could reasonably draw different conclusions with respect to similar fact patterns making the calculations of the tax difficult and expensive for the mining operations.

Please vote in favor of removing this burdensome tax requirement from sand and gravel operators as the costs of preparing, reviewing and filing the mining tax returns are greater than the benefits derived from the tax for both the operators and the State of Alaska.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me should you have further questions.

Respectfully,



Sam Trotzke