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Representative Tammie Wilson
State Capitol, Room 412
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: HB 35 – Home Heating Conversion Loans

Dear Representative Wilson:

Southeast Conference is the State's regional development organization (ARDOR) whose mission is to undertake activities that promote strong economies, healthy communities and a quality environment in Southeast Alaska. For over a dozen years our energy committee has worked with the State, local governments and utilities toward reducing and someday, eliminating the use of diesel as a primary fuel source for both the generation of electricity and especially space heat – especially in our more rural communities where the extremely high cost of energy has devastated the local economies.

House Bill 35 can be an effective tool to assist Alaskans in lowering the cost of energy in their homes by utilizing a low interest loan program to convert inefficient heating systems to much more efficient units.

Southeast Conference supports HB 35 and requests full consideration and support as this legislation makes its way through the public process. Thank you for your considerable work on this legislation and we look forward to its passage and enactment. Feel free to contact me or Southeast Conference Energy Coordinator, Robert Venables regarding our support for HB 35.

Sincerely,

Shelly Wright
Executive Director

