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Honorable Senator Peter Micciche
Senate C&RA Committee
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: HB 223

Dear Senator Micciche,

While the Alaska Municipal League generally has a severe amount of heartburn over property tax exemptions, we also realize that these exemptions should, at times, be taken on a case by case basis.

While few municipalities would be involved in this exemption and as we realize that we in the State of Alaska must do all possible to keep a military presence within our state, we certainly stand ready to defend this exemption.

This is ONE exemption that we see as having the potential to benefit those municipalities involved, much more than it could cost them in lost revenues.

Again, while we do not freely give out positive responses to property tax exemptions, HB 223 is one which we certainly can understand the reasoning behind. We stand with you in attempting to at least maintain the military presence in the State.

Sincerely,

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