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The Honorable Representative Peggy Wilson House Transportation Committee State Capitol Room 406
Juneau, Alaska 99801 Repr

Representative.Peggy.Wilson@akleg.gov

RE: HB314 Passenger Vehicle Rental Tax

Chairperson Wilson:

I am writing to you in support of House Bill 314. Brice Companies have been providing civil construction, marine services, equipment rentals and quarry materials in the State of Alaska for over 50 years.

Our Brice Equipment division provides arctic grade support equipment to the oil and gas and construction industries. We have offices in Fairbanks and Deadhorse. Brice Equipment hosts a fleet of more than 300 pieces of equipment.

We understand the intent of the legislation passed in 2003 was to tax short term car rentals to tourists to help fund road maintenance and promote tourism. The legislation specifically was to have no effect on Alaska businesses on private property on the North Slope. We price our rental rates to be competitive and the current interpretation of this existing legislation causes significant administrative and financial burden to our Alaskan equipment rental division.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments regarding House Bill 314.

I am willing to testify on this matter. If you have any questions regarding my support, please contact me at my office 907-452-2512 or on my mobile number 907-978-3000.

Sincerely,

Sam Robert Brice

President

Cc: Representative Thompson

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