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The Honorable Senator Mike Dunleavy, Chair, Alaska Senate Labor and Commerce Committee

I am writing to you today to express support for the passage of SB 140 that would create an Arctic Infrastructure Program/ Fund within AIDEA. The Arctic is the future of Alaska, and we must invest in infrastructure now if we are to have a place of meaning in the new global frontier that is the Arctic region. Industry has responded to the call of public investment with the Interior Energy Project and the time is now to further additional public-private investments within Alaska. The era of "easy money" is approaching its end in our state and the age of "smart money" is now upon us. Enabling AIDEA through the creation of an Arctic Infrastructure Program/ Fund and the additional powers that SB 140 provides is an investment in "smart money" for the future of Alaska. I appreciate your consideration in seeing this important opportunity for Alaska's future become a reality.

Sincerely,

Stephen Trimble | President

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