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Subject: Education Funding
Tax Credit Programs.
SB 139/HB 278

Akiachuk
Akiak
Alakanuk
Andreafsky
Aniak
Atnautluk
Bethel
Bill Moore's Sl.
Chetoruk
Chevak
Chmathakuk
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Crooked Creek
Eek
Emmonak
Georgetown
Goodnews Bay
Hamilton
Homer Bay
Lower Kalskag
Upper Kalskag
Kasigtuk
Kipruk
Kongiganak
Kotlik
Kwethluk
Kwigillingok
Linc Village
Marshall
Mekoryuk
Mtn. Village
Nanaimut
Napakiak
Napaskiak
Newtok
Nighthute
Nunakanyuk
Nunam Igua
Nunapitchuk
Ohogamiut
Oscarville
Palmit
Pilot Station
Pitka's Point
Platinum
Quinlgak
Red Devil
Russian Mission
Seaman Bay
Sleetmute
St. Mary's
Stony River
Tuktukak
Tuntutukak
Turnak
Umiukluk

Honorable Co-Chairs;

The Association of Village Council Presidents is the regional non-profit for the 56 villages along the Yukon-Kuskokwim and Bering Sea Coast of Western Alaska. Our focus is serving the best interest of our people in the area of Social Services, Culture and Education.

We provide a wide array of services to the communities in our region, continue to try and build upon our success. AVCP has established the Yuut Yaguagviat, a successful rural flight school in operations since 2002. AVCP also is establishing a regional Airframe & Powerplant School in Bethel with the anticipated opening date to be the Fall of 2014. Both schools focus on providing valuable skill sets to the young people of the region working towards creating jobs in our region and providing long term careers to our residents.

We also operate the Yupiit Piciryarit Museum in which we house Yup'ik artifacts and objects that are most precious not only to those that live on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, but to the whole State of Alaska.

These three operations, including the Flight School, A & P School and the Museum, have helped AVCP meet the directives given to the non-profit by the region and provide essential services as well as critical jobs to the region.

As such, the interest in sustaining the operations of these services is critical to AVCP; and through the proposed Education Tax Credit program, the opportunity to do so would be available. We support SB 139/HB278 with these amendments

Thank you.