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Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, AK 99801

### **RE: Letter of Support House Bill 244 (SB 109): Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas**

Dear Senators Kelly & Meyer and members of the committee,

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce is a member-driven organization, representing over 700 businesses and organizations throughout the Interior of Alaska.

House Bill 244 (companion SB 109) have been introduced this legislative session to extend the effective sunset date for terminating the Citizen’s Advisory Commission on Federal Areas (CACFA). Originally created after the passage of ANILCA in 1981 and revived again in 2007, CACFA has a long and storied history of serving to protect the right of Alaska’s citizens to access and utilize millions of acres of federal lands located across the state.

The Commission is responsible for identifying and reducing potential negative impacts on Alaska and its citizens from federal actions on any of the 239 million acres of federal land in the state and is essential to ensuring that the best interests of the State of Alaska are maintained and enforced with respect to the management of federal lands in the State.

Mutual collaboration between the State and Federal governments on the usage of these lands is vital to their continued protection. House Bill 244 (SB 109), by extending the sunset period of this Commission, will allow for the continuation of the important work being done to foster these relationships.

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce strongly supports and recommends passage of this legislation and continued funding for the small, commission support staff within the Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

**THE GREATER FAIRBANKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Steve Lundgren  
Board of Directors, Chair

Lisa Herbert  
Executive Director

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BP Exploration  
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MAC Federal Credit Union  
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Shell Exploration & Production Co.  
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