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Senator Pete Kelly  
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
State Capitol, Room 516  
Juneau, AK 99801

Subject: Support for the Committee Substitute of House Bill 305

Dear Senator Kelly:

Alaska Power Association (APA) supports the passage of the Committee Substitute of House Bill 305. Alaska Power Association is a statewide trade association that represents the electric utilities that supply power to Alaskans from Barrow to Unalaska, through the Interior and Southcentral, and down the Inside Passage.

Metals theft is on the rise nationwide and Alaska businesses, organizations and utilities are being adversely impacted by the increase in price for metals such as copper. Specifically, the Alaska electric utility industry has experienced several thefts in the last few years that have caused significant damage to electrical equipment, power outages during repairs, and unnecessary costs to customers.

In closing, we urge the Committee to approve the Committee Substitute of House Bill 305 and move the bill. Do not hesitate to contact me at 907-771-5703 or [meland@alaskapower.org](mailto:meland@alaskapower.org) if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Leland  
Executive Director