



April 3, 2014

Senator Lesil McGuire  
Senator Bert Stedman  
Representative Peggy Wilson

Re: SB 99

Dear Sir/Madam;

Honorable Legislators:

I support SB 99 and its provision authorizing the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to issue bonds to finance the infrastructure and construction costs of the Bokan-Dotson Ridge rare earth element project and the Niblack project. As an emerging construction company in Ketchikan, we see both of these mines as a positive economic engine for our region which is vital to grow our economies back to pre-pulp mill days.

This bill will create opportunity for high-paying jobs in our region, opportunity for sustainable economic growth in southern Southeast Alaska, and opportunity for responsible development of our state's mineral resources. The bills are well written and do not obligate the funds to the projects without solid development and environmental plans as ultimately gives AIDEA the latitude to determine financing based on their own due diligence.

This bill is good for Ketchikan, Southeast Alaska and good for Alaskans and we request your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chet Thompson'.

Chet Thompson  
Marble Construction, Project Manager