

August 30, 2012

Honorable Sean Parnell
Alaska State Capitol Building
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell,

I wish to submit this letter as a show of support for the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) program. The Alaska legislature has continued to reauthorize the program since 1988 and should do so again, as it is a sound investment in the future of our state. The ARDORs provide services to stimulate economic development across the state, often in isolated and economically depressed regions and serve as a point of coordination between local, state, and federal agencies, as well as the private sector.

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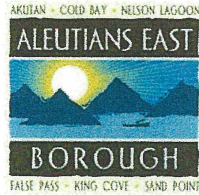
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I enjoy the working relationship I have with our regional ARDOR and would like that relationship to continue and grow. I fully support the continued reauthorization of the ARDOR program, as well as an increase in base funding. I hope you will agree in recognizing the ARDOR program as a sound investment in the future of our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


H. Kathleen Totemoff



August 27, 2012

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The Aleutians East Borough supports the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) program. The Alaska legislature has continued to reauthorize the program since 1988 and should do so again, as it is a sound investment in the future of our state. The ARDORs provide services to stimulate economic development across the state, often in isolated and economically depressed regions and serve as a point of coordination between local, state, and federal agencies, as well as the private sector.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rick Gifford
Borough Administrator

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Bristol Bay Borough

August 30, 2012

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Mayor, Bristol Bay Borough



August 27, 2012

Honorable Sean Parnell
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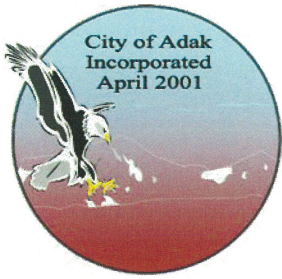
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jason Metrokin
President & CEO



City of Adak

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August 29, 2012

Honorable Sean Parnell
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Dear Governor Parnell,

The City of Adak supports the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) program. The Alaska legislature has continued to reauthorize the program since 1988 and should do so again, as it is a sound investment in the future of our state. The ARDORs provide services to stimulate economic development across the state, often in isolated and economically depressed regions and serve as a point of coordination between local, state, and federal agencies, as well as the private sector.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
CITY OF ADAK, ALASKA

Layton J. Lockett
City Manager



August 30, 2012

Honorable Sean Parnell
Alaska State Capitol Building
P.O. Box 110001
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Subject: Alaska Regional Development Organization Program

Dear Governor Parnell:

The City of Dillingham fully supports the reauthorization of the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) program as well as an increase in funding. The Alaska legislature has continued to reauthorize the program since 1988 and should do so again, as it is a sound investment in the future of our state. The ARDORs provide services to stimulate economic development across the state, often in isolated and economically depressed regions and serve as a point of coordination between local, state, and federal agencies, as well as the private sector.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alice Ruby, Mayor
City of Dillingham



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August 30, 2012

Honorable Sean Parnell
Alaska State Capitol Building
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Dear Governor Parnell,

The City of King Cove supports the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) program. The Alaska legislature has continued to reauthorize the program since 1988 and should do so again, as it is a sound investment in the future of our state. The ARDORs provide services to stimulate economic development across the state, often in isolated and economically depressed regions and serve as a point of coordination between local, state, and federal agencies, as well as the private sector.

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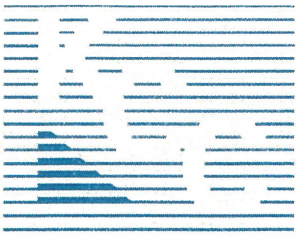
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Bonnie Folz
Administrative Manager



KODIAK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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August 24, 2012

Honorable Sean Parnell
Alaska State Capitol Building
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Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell,

The Kodiak Chamber of Commerce supports the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) program. The Alaska legislature has continued to reauthorize the program since 1988 and should do so again, as it is a sound investment in the future of our state. The ARDORs provide services to stimulate economic development across the state, often in isolated and economically depressed regions and serve as a point of coordination between local, state, and federal agencies, as well as the private sector.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Trevor Brown
Executive Director



Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor
Alaska State Capitol Building
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Juneau, AK 99811-0001

August 27, 2012

Dear Governor Parnell,

Kodiak College/University of Alaska Anchorage would like to register support for the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) program. Since 1988, the Alaska State Legislature has continued reauthorization for the program and it is our hope that they do so again. Support for the program is a sound investment in the future of our state. ARDORs provide services to stimulate economic development across the state, often in isolated and economically depressed regions and serve as a point of coordination between participants and private sector industries along with local, state, and federal agencies.

Increasing support for ARDOR program funding to the maximum level allowed under statute would also be something to which we would lend support. The ARDORs have already accomplished admirable outcomes in business development, community planning, and infrastructure improvements and continued funding allows them to meet new goals. Increased funding further allows the ARDORs to enhance services and grow the number of the businesses and agencies with whom they collaborate.

Locally, Kodiak College has worked with the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) on several issues. The organization will celebrate its 25th anniversary next year. Over the past two decades, SWAMC has been a leader in fisheries development and an advocate for coastal communities; they have assisted businesses large and small, from mom and pop bed and breakfasts to multinational seafood processors, and they have undertaken important foundational economic development projects in our region, with a focus on infrastructure, energy, business, and broadband planning. SWAMC represents the effectiveness of the ARDOR program. A particular project on which the College has partnered with ARDOR is the Southwest Broadband Initiative Project, benefitting the smaller rural communities in Southwest Alaska. This is of particular import to the rural villages on Kodiak Island and villagers' access to high speed internet and all it brings to businesses and individuals. It has opened up access to higher education opportunities to students in remote locations, including rural high schools.

Kodiak College enjoys our working relationship with the our regional ARDOR and hope the relationship continues to grow and develop. We fully support the continued reauthorization of the ARDOR program, as well as increases in base funding. We hope you agree that the ARDOR program is a sound investment in the healthy economic future of our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,

Barbara J. Bolson, Director

Kodiak College
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August 31, 2012

Honorable Sean Parnell
Alaska State Capitol Building
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Dear Governor Parnell,

Koniag, Inc. wishes to express its support for the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) program which the Alaska legislature has reauthorized since 1988. This is a sound investment in the future of our state which provides services to stimulate economic development across the state, often in isolated and economically depressed regions and serves as a point of coordination between local, state, and federal agencies, as well as the private sector.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Koniag, Inc.

William Anderson, Jr.
President/CEO

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September 4, 2012

Honorable Sean Parnell
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Juneau, AK 99811-0001

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dan Clarion,
Mayor

City of Sand Point



August 30, 2012

Honorable Sean Parnell
Alaska State Capitol Building
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Juneau, AK 99811-0001

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Martin Gundersen
Mayor

Shumagin Corporation

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August 30, 2012

Honorable Sean Parnell
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We enjoy the working relationship we have with our regional ARDOR and would like that relationship to continue and grow. Shumagin Corporation fully supports the continued reauthorization of the ARDOR program, as well as an increase in base funding. We hope you will agree with us in recognizing the ARDOR program as a sound investment in the future of our state.

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Glen Gardner Jr.
President, Shumagin Corporation