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Representative Bill Stoltze
State Capitol Building, Room 515
Juneau, AK 99801

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RE: SB27

Dear Representative Stoltze

Bill

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors of Alaska, a construction industry trade association of 660 construction industry business members, we heartily support SB27.

As an advocate for our members and the Alaska construction industry, we look for ways to help the construction industry either directly or indirectly by raising the opportunities for everyone. SB27 can result in faster and better regulatory decisions. It may result in key decisions for development to no longer be in federal hands, but in the hands of the state.

State primacy for NPDES was approved a couple years ago. The fears of rubber stamp permitting that were expressed in the legislative approval then have been completely unfounded. The NPDES primacy to the state and away from the EPA has proven to be an improvement and benefit to all involved. I believe that this effort to get 404 primacy will result in an even greater benefit to Alaska.

In my father's days in Alaska, the biggest obstacle they faced in trying to do something was getting the money. Today, the biggest obstacle is getting permission. SB27 has the potential to help important projects get that permission. Who knows better what is best for Alaska, but Alaskans.

This is good legislation and needs to move forward. Thank you in advance for your support of SB27.

Sincerely,

John MacKinnon
Executive Director
Associated General Contractors of Alaska