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Representative Peggy Wilson State Capitol Building, Room 406 Juneau, AK 99801

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RE: HB123

Dear Representative Wilson: Yessy

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors of Alaska, a construction industry trade association of 660 construction industry business members, we heartily support HB123.

Transportation is one of the most important issues to Alaskans, and something that affects every Alaskan every day. And Alaskans want better transportation. Since statehood, there has been just one statewide transportation bond issue that has not been approved by the voters – and it passed two years later.

A state funded transportation program has been a legislative priority of the AGC for many years. Alaska needs a transportation program, sufficiently funded with regular, predictable and reliable funding with an annual appropriation of state funds so we can begin to address our many transportation needs. We also need to make our transportation decisions based on fact and need, and not on politics. The elements of this bill help assure that.

I appreciate your continued efforts to improve transportation since you introduced HB329 in 2010 and continuing on to the present with HB 123. This is good legislation and needs to move forward.

Sincerely,

John MacKinnon
Executive Director

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