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Honorable Peggy Wilson
State Capitol Room 406
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Wilson,

We support the passage of House Bills 122, 123 and House Joint Resolution 10 that create the Alaska Transportation Infrastructure Fund Program. This Funding Program is needed to continue supporting transportation projects with decreasing Federal Funding looming ahead of us. Government has a duty to provide transportation and transportation infrastructure to the public to support our economy and the needs of our population. The State of Alaska must have the ability to fund much needed maintenance on roads, highways, harbors, and airports along with the possibility of building new infrastructure.

The Alaska AFL-CIO believes this is a responsible approach to add funding to our transportation needs and to create jobs for Alaskans. There is strong agreement that the economic benefits derived from investment in Alaska's transportation infrastructure far exceed the cost of the investment. Alaska needs a state funded transportation program that is adequately and predictably funded, provides continuity between succeeding administrations, and considers all modes of transportation.

Sincerely,

Vince Beltrami
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