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The Honorable Mike Chenault
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the deadline for tire fees to be submitted to the State of Alaska by tire vendors.

Under Alaska law, vendors who sell tires are required to collect a fee for each tire sold and submit the fees to the State on a quarterly basis. The bill would change the deadline for vendors to report and pay collected tire fees. The current statutory language has caused confusion because some months have 31 days, and some vendors are late in submitting the collected fees. Therefore, the bill would amend AS 43.98.025 to make it clear to vendors that they have until the end of the month (regardless of the number of days in the month) to submit the fees. The bill would reduce administrative costs to the State of Alaska and benefit vendors by lessening the chance for accidental late filings.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

Bill Walker
Governor

Enclosure