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Senate Finance Committee
Senator Anna MacKinnon
Room 532
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: SB 30 – An Act relating to controlled substances; relating to marijuana; relating to driving motor vehicles when there is an open marijuana container; and providing for an effective date.

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members,

The Alaska Municipal League and its 164 member municipalities have spent much time and effort attempting to make sure that with the legality of marijuana, that we provide a safe environment for all of our residents, while yet allowing for the will of the people. To that end, we have paid much attention to the various bills moving through the Legislature, as they will all affect municipalities in many ways.

We know that SB 30 deals with the criminal aspects of marijuana in our communities and in our state. However, we are puzzled as to why Section 127 of the bill, would suddenly have a section that deals with civil regulations. There are many other bills where this issue would be more appropriate, such as HB 75.

We would respectfully suggest that civil regulations be left out of the criminal marijuana bill. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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