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Senator Cathy Giessel
State Capitol Room 427
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: SUBSTITUTION SENATE BILL 4

Dear Senator Giessel:

In October of 2012, the voters of the City of Seward opted out of the public financial disclosure statements as required by the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC). In doing so, the City of Seward established a similar, but more accepted financial disclosure statement form in place of the APOC form, one that closely mirrored APOC's 2007 version.

One of the changes adopted with the City of Seward Financial Disclosure Statement Form included extending the deadline to submit annual statements from March 15 of each year to April 15 of each year. The intent behind this modification was to coincide with IRS guidelines for filing tax returns.

The city has gone through two years' worth of financial disclosure reporting with the new form, and the deadline extension has proven to be helpful for those required to complete the statements. We are happy to say this alteration has worked well and has allowed for easier reporting of our elected and appointed officials.

I hope you have a successful session and wish you success on SSB4.

Regards,

Jean Bardarson, Mayor