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To: Rep. Mike Chenault
Cc: Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. David Talerico
Subject: HB100

Dear Representative Chenault:

As a 48 year resident of Alaska, I support House bill 100 currently being considered in the Alaska Legislature. Even though recent exploration and production efforts have stabilized South central Alaska's usage of natural gas for the next few years, it's time to establish a steady market for producers, thus eliminating seasonal swings of demand. Gas storage from the CINGSTA project certainly helps, but with gas reserves declining, storage will not be the answer. Today Producers are accelerating production to maintain demand, but other than Kitchen Lights (Furie) and Cosmopolitan offshore (Blue Crest - Pac West) no significant gas discoveries have been made. The Agrium facility represents a steady demand for the usage of natural gas; thus, Agrium will be a gas purchaser giving explorers a reason to invest and commit dollars to drilling.

Currently with oil prices low, the Oil and Gas Industry in Alaska, is experiencing job losses and capital spending delays. Agrium's economic reach goes well beyond Kenai and into many communities throughout the State. It's not only the Agrium jobs created, but also the cash infusion from doing it. Additionally, there are a large number of indirect jobs generated by a facility like the Agrium Plant, and also the tax benefits to the Kenai Peninsula Borough

Thanks for considering my support for this Bill.

Best Regards,

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