

# Alaska State Legislature

Juneau Delegation  
Senator Dennis Egan  
Representative Cathy Muñoz  
Representative Sam Kito III



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Juneau, Alaska  
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October 29, 2015

Ms. Shelly Wright,  
Executive Director, Southeast Conference  
P.O. Box 21989  
Juneau, AK 99802

Dear Ms. Wright:

We are writing to express our support for the work of Southeast Conference and other Alaska Regional Development Organizations (ARDORs.)

We were pleased in 2014 to join our colleagues from around the state supporting reauthorization of the ARDOR program. We did so because ARDORs can be a powerful tool to serve all Alaskans by helping to strengthen our regional and state economies in many ways. By providing data and reliable information, ARDORs can give the private sector what it needs to make critical investment decisions. The planning work ARDORs do can provide a framework for local entrepreneurs, established businesses, and those interested in locating new ventures here – charting a path forward for jobs and prosperity.

We also appreciate the work Southeast Conference in particular has done to bring our region together. In addition to physical gatherings to discuss opportunities and challenges in Southeast Alaska, you've worked to bring industry and government together on energy and transportation issues. Without intelligently built, efficient systems, no regional economy can thrive. We are grateful for Southeast Conference's work with the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority's Alaska Energy Agency, and on behalf of the Alaska Marine Highway System.

Please feel free to share our support with potential funders and others who can advance the vital work Southeast Conference and other ARDORs do to build Alaska's bright future.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Senator Dennis Egan.

Senator Dennis Egan  
Senate District Q

A blue ink signature of Representative Cathy Muñoz.

Rep. Cathy Muñoz  
House District 34

A blue ink signature of Representative Sam Kito III.

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House District 33