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The Honorable Senator Lyman Hoffman
State Capitol, Room 508
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Hoffman:

Alaska Power Association (APA), the statewide electric utility trade association, supports Senate Bill 196, which would protect funding for the Power Cost Equalization Program (PCE) while allowing appropriation of funds from the PCE Endowment for other valuable purposes.

APA members believe this legislation will allow the PCE program to continue providing a vital measure of relief to ratepayers in communities throughout our State where electric rates are the highest, while sharing benefits with the General Fund, the Renewable Energy Grant Fund and the PCE Endowment. This distribution of benefits is especially important in these difficult financial times.

Many APA members throughout the state have integrated wind and hydroelectric power into their systems through funding from the Renewable Energy Grant Fund, and their customers see the results in lower or stabilized bills. Through SB 196, work could continue on renewable energy systems that will positively impact Alaskans for generations to come.

APA member utilities serve communities from Barrow to Unalaska, through the Interior and Southcentral and down the Inside Passage. We appreciate your decades-long leadership in assisting our home grown industry in striving to provide affordable and reliable electric power to Alaskans. Your sponsorship of SB 196 continues these collaborative efforts, and we urge passage of this legislation.

Best regards,

Crystal Enkvist
Executive Director