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City of Angoon Albert Kookesh III 700 Aan Deina At St. Angoon, AK. 99820 January 26, 2015

Representative Kreiss-Tomkins Alaska State Legislature State Capitol Room 426 Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Kreiss-Tomkins:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Angoon in support of HB-62 Off-Highway Driver's Licenses. The City of Angoon, which is located on Admiralty Island, has a population of 459 residents with less than 10 miles of road all together.

The City of Angoon greatly supports HB-62 because we have no DMV office in town and the only way to get to a DMV is to travel to either Juneau or Sitka, which adds a financial strain on many residents. The cost of traveling to Juneau or Sitka is quite expensive and even then, Sitka is only accessible during the summer ferry schedule. We agree with HB-62 Sponsor Statement:

"Instead, these residents face prohibitive conditions to receive licenses: they must travel to and stay in communities with DMV offices; borrow or rent vehicles; and schedule and take road tests on unfamiliar roads or highways before they can be legally allowed to drive at home."

We at the City of Angoon Support HB-62 and feel that its residents should be legally allowed to drive in the City they have grown up in with only an off-highway license. We understand that this license would only pertain to Angoon and we accept that in order to drive outside of Angoon we would need a Class-D License.

Sincerely,

City of Angoon Albert Kookesh III

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