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Representative Cathy Munoz
State Capitol
Room 501
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Munoz:

The City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) Assembly strongly supports Juneau Hydropower Inc.'s (JHI) proposal to create a Juneau Heating District. This project would replace current diesel fuel-based heating with clean, renewable energy produced from the waters of Gastineau Channel. The project promises to provide economic and environmental benefits to Juneau.

The CBJ also supports JHI's plan to construct the Sweetheart Lake hydropower facility, which we have been told, is expected to receive its Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license this summer and begin construction. Under JHI's proposal, energy from the Sweetheart Lake hydropower facility would power the seawater heat pumps and the mechanical system for the Juneau heating district. Sweetheart Lake hydropower facility also plans to provide electrical generation to the Kensington Mine and other customers.

JHI's projects would create Juneau jobs during the construction and operation of the facilities. The use of renewable energy would reduce our community's greenhouse gas emissions and lower our city's overall carbon footprint.

The City and Borough of Juneau strongly supports JHI's efforts in that direction.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Becker
Mayor

cc: Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Sam Kito III
Juneau Hydropower, Inc.