

April 4, 2016

**REPRESENTATIVE LIZ VAZQUEZ**

Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 432  
Juneau, AK 99801

*Subject: Letter Supporting HB 363, Extension of Regulatory Exemption for Small Renewable Energy Generation Plants*

Dear Representative Vazquez:

Fishhook Renewable Energy, LLC (FRE) supports prompt passage of HB 363, which would extend the existing regulatory exemption for small renewable energy generation plants in Alaska. As you are most likely aware, the Federal Government and the other 49 States exempt small power producers from State regulation.

FRE obtained project-specific exemption from the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) in 2008, before the existing AS 42.05.711(r) provision was enacted. Had this provision existed, FRE would have avoided thousands of dollars in direct expenses, labor resources, and elapsed time that were required to obtain our project specific exemption (RCA Docket U08-132). The costs incurred to obtain our exemption were an entirely unnecessary barrier to project development. We whole-heartedly support eliminating this barrier for similar small renewable energy producers in Alaska to further encourage private development of renewable power projects.

Thank you for sponsoring this bill and for your on-going efforts to encourage responsible private-sector development of our state's local and renewable energy resources.

Sincerely,



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