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House C& RA Committee
Chair – Representative Cathy Tilton
Alaska State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: HB 118 – Property Assessed Clean Energy Act

Dear Committee Members,

The Alaska Municipal League would like to offer our complete support to this bill. In a time of large deficits, both within the State and municipalities, which yet still finds many municipalities paying huge amount of money for traditional energy means and businesses and municipalities must have more “tools” to make our communities healthy, inviting, business friendly places in which to live.

This bill, leave the PACE program as an optional program. Municipalities that feel they cannot afford this program do not have to take part. But, those who can afford to do so, have the opportunity to create a much-better business environment. Members of AML have spent the last few years doing what we can to build a better relationship with the businesses that make our communities healthy. This also helps that mission.

Again, we would hope that your vote would be a positive vote on this legislation. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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