

April 6, 2015

The Honorable Mark Neuman Co-Chair, House Finance Committee State Capitol, Room 505 Juneau, AK 99801 The Honorable Steve Thompson Co-Chair, House Finance Committee State Capitol, Room 515 Juneau, AK 99801

Re: HB 118 - An Act adopting the Municipal Property Assessed Clean Energy Act

Dear Co-Chairs Neuman and Thompson:

The Alaska Chamber is an organization dedicated to improving the business environment in Alaska. The Chamber represents hundreds of businesses from Ketchikan to Barrow that share a common goal: to make Alaska a viable and competitive place to do business.

The Alaska Chamber is not opposed to HB 118 in its current form, which allows municipalities the option to establish a commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program. As the bill moves forward, it is important that the provisions that protect Alaskans from municipalities forcing energy efficiency standards onto property owners through a PACE program remain intact.

On behalf of Alaska's business community, thank you for your efforts to promote a positive business environment.

Sincerely,

Rachael Petro

President and CEO