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Re: Support of HB 46 – reserving a public seat for a veteran on the Alaska Workforce Investment Board

To Whom It May Concern:

CH2M HILL (ch2m) is a proud supporter of Veterans and Military personnel in the State of Alaska. As the 8th largest employer in the state, it is important to attract and hire the most qualified Alaskan residents. Veterans represent an important and significant part of the workforce for ch2m. As of February 20, 2015 the workforce for CH2M HILL in Alaska included:

- 9% of total employees being veterans
- 10% of employees are veterans in the CH2M HILL Alaska Construction Unit
- 12% of employees are veterans in the CH2M HILL Point Thomson Unit

In addition to the workforce composition, ch2m is in active partnership with non-profit organizations Alaska's Healing Hearts and Hero2Hired to prepare Alaskan veterans, service members and reservists for many of the outstanding craft positions on the ExxonMobil Point Thomson project and for other employment entry points into the Construction Services industry serving Alaska's thriving Oil and Gas industry. It has been our experience that veterans, service members, and reservists often possess key attributes that we look for in employees, but sometimes lack the necessary industry-specific knowledge and skills to pre-qualify for our stringent standards for employment. Our program is designed to bridge that essential gap between active military service experience and post-armed forces civilian work. We believe that by hiring the most promising former soldiers, we are getting the best partners in the world for strengthening Alaska and America's efforts to bring up our domestic oil and gas program to meet global needs well into the future.

We believe HB 46 and reserving one of the five public spaces on the Alaska Workforce Investment Board for a Veteran is an excellent decision and we support this bill.

If you require any additional support for HB 46, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Bailey".

Terry Bailey
Senior Vice President and Regional Manager