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Senate Finance Committee
Senator Anna MacKinnon
Senate Finance, Room 522
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: CSSB14 – An Act relating to transportation network companies and transportation network company drivers

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the CS for SB 14 on Monday, February 13, 2017.

The Alaska Municipal League strongly objects to the removal of "local control" in Section 7. Before this section was added, the fiscal note accompanying this bill was zero. After this section was added, the fiscal note came in at \$280,000 in the first year. Municipalities have local control over local transportation businesses and feel strongly that it should remain so. Local governments have also had the employees/structure for this provision and it would not require added expenses for the people of Alaska.

We strongly encourage Senate Finance to, at least, remove Section 7 from this bill. While the fiscal note mention trips by a State worker to Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau, no mention is made of other communities who might attract these transportation networks, such as Mat-Su, Kenai, Bethel, etc. Local elected officials are best prepared to read the wishes of their constituents. Regulations should be done at the local level at local council/assembly meetings, whenever possible.

Sincerely,

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