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Senator Gary Stevens
State Capitol Room 429
Juneau AK, 99801 Best regards,

Dear Senator Stevens:

Thank you for sponsoring SB 7, establishing a state museum construction grant program. Alaska's museums are vital to the cultural life of the state, and important economically too, as they employ hundreds of Alaskans in many communities. The Board and Staff of Kodiak Maritime Museum (KMM) fully support your efforts to sponsor this bill and help it become law.

As you know, the State grant program of a few years ago to fund library construction around Alaska has been very successful, including helping to fund Kodiak's magnificent new library. The KMM Board and I believe a museum construction program can similarly transform the museum infrastructure of the state, and Kodiak.

Also as you know, Kodiak Maritime Museum has long been planning to construct a museum building of its own. Should this construction grant program eventually become available, it could provide the assistance necessary to build the first maritime museum in Alaska.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you pass this bill.

Thank you

Toby Sullivan
Executive Director

CC: Senator Dennis Egan, Senator Burt Stedman, Senator Click Bishop, Representative Justin Parish, Representative Dan Ortiz