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Honorable Mia Costello State Capitol Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Costello:

On behalf of the Alaska AFL-CIO and our over 55 local unions and our 50,000 members we would like to thank you for introducing SB 75.

We are in strong support of the provisions included in this bill. Many of our trades and crafts require a CDL as a part of their work and many apprenticeship programs require them during training.

In fact, in some crafts the requirement to be 19 can impede certain apprentices on their path to graduation. These students may have the required number of class hours and hours in the field, but the inability to sit for the CDL exam can hold them back from advancement.

Thank you again for introducing SB 75 and we look forward to helping ensure this bill is passed.

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