



April 4, 2023

Senate Education Committee
Senator Löki Gale Tobin, Chair
State Capital Room 11
Juneau AK 99801

Re: Senate Bill 120 – Extending Education Tax Credits

Chair Tobin,

On behalf of Trident Seafoods, please accept this letter of support for SB 120, which would extend the Alaska Education Tax Credit (AETC) Program through January 1, 2031. Trident is an American owned, privately held, company celebrating 50 years of operating in Alaska.

Trident employs more than 4,000 Alaska-based employees annually and we are dependent on a large and diverse workforce to serve the more than 5400 independent fishermen and crew that choose to deliver sustainable Alaska seafood to us each season. Trident strongly supports extending the AETC Program, as it supports and promotes in-state workforce development, education, and training through Alaskan institutions. The targeted investments in scholarships and regional workforce training opportunities AETC enables are important to both our current business and our investments in the growth of our operations in Alaska.

We are likewise dependent on the sustainability of Alaskan seafood and our marine ecosystem and actively support marine research funding made available through the AETC Program. This work, led in part through the Pollock Conservation Cooperative Research Center, funds critical marine research that addresses pressing research needs while supporting Alaska-based institutions and students. This work is essential to the long-term sustainability of the Alaska seafood industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Shannon Carroll", written over a white background.

Shannon Carroll
Director, Alaska Public Affairs and Fisheries Development
