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Juneau, Alaska
March 4, 1971

MEMO TC:

Rep. George Hohman,
Chairman,
House Finance Committee

FROM:

Rep. Mike Miller,
Chairman,
House Local Government Committee

I thought it might be useful for you to know why the Local Government Committee had requested a Finance Committee referral for Senate Bill 82. The bill would provide a vehicle by which boroughs (in this case, the Greater Anchorage Borough) could set up transit authority. This being the case, the Committee felt that the boroughs would thus create an additional draw on revenue sharing funds for transportation purposes in areas where no such funds are presently distributed.

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Juneau, Alaska
March 11, 1971

Mrs. Wilda Hudson
President,
Greater Anchorage Area
Borough Assembly
1542 E. 27th Ave.
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Dear Wilda:

Thanks so much for your letter of March 8th relative to Senate Bil. 82, an act related to public transit powers of 1st class cities.

I appreciate very much your thoughts on this bill. However, in as much as it has already passed out of this committee, I am taking the liberty of sending your letter to the Chairman of the next committee of referral - the House Judiciary Committee, Rep. Wm. Moran of Anchorage, Chairman

Incidentally, I have been meaning to write you to thank you for your very evident interest in the Municipal Code. Your thoughtful suggestions are being considered and we are most appreciative that you took the time to appear and submit them.

Sincerely,

Mike Miller, Representative
District Four, (Juneau)



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Honorable Mike Miller, Chairman
Local Government Committee
House of Representatives
Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Representative Miller;

It is my understanding that SB 82 entitled "An Act relating to the granting of public transit powers to first class cities" has been passed by the Senate and transmitted to the House for consideration.

This is to let you know that I support SB 82 in its present form since it is necessary that Title 29 be amended in order that general law municipalities might have the authority to enter into the public transportation field if they so desire. During the course of the consideration of this bill in the Senate, an amendment was proposed in the Local Government Committee to Title 7, and apparently it reached the Senate floor, that would have given assemblies of second class boroughs the authority to exercise the power of public transportation without placing the question on the ballot for the people to vote upon. This amendment, however, was defeated on the Senate floor and SB 82 passed in its original form.

For the record, when SB 82 is under consideration by your House Local Government Committee, please be advised that I would highly oppose any attempt to circumvent the voter by placing the authority within the hands of the Borough Assembly to exercise the power of public transportation. However, I would like to make it perfectly clear that I do not in any way oppose general law municipalities being authorized the power of public transportation under Title 29. It is that I merely oppose any amendment to Title 7 that would place public transportation in any position different than any other power granted under Title 29 which would mean that if the residents of an area have chosen to function under the second class borough concept, then they have every right to have any power placed on the ballot and voted upon.

I would advise you and your Committee that the opinions expressed in this letter are those of myself as an individual assembly member and does not in any way express the opinion of the Greater Anchorage Area Borough Assembly as a whole. SB 82 has never come up for discussion before the Anchorage Borough Assembly. I would appreciate being notified when SB 82 will be before your Committee for your consideration.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Wilda G. Hudson
President

Greater Anchorage Area Borough Assembly

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cc: Representative Eugene Guess, Speaker of the House