



March 27, 2017

Honorable Pete Kelly, President
Senator
Alaska State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear President Kelly,

We are writing in continued support of House Bill 80 that would authorize municipalities to establish programs that allow voluntary assessments on commercial property owners to make clean energy improvements.

The C-PACE mechanism is used throughout the nation to facilitate financing of energy improvements. Allowing this in Alaska will allow a broader range of energy choices by business and further the potential to lower energy costs and facilitate cleaner energy alternatives.

In particular, we see the legislation as an important aspect in the successful implementation of the Interior Energy Project (IEP) in the community. Because the number and rate of the conversions to natural gas significantly impacts the IEP's economics, we think the C-PACE can make a difference. The IEP as is come to be known, is an important priority for the interior and was also of previous Legislatures when they enabled AIDEA to create the IEP - liquefied natural gas (LNG) Project. We appreciate the ongoing efforts of the Administration and Legislature in following and supporting this effort.

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce (GFCC) currently represents over 750 businesses throughout Interior Alaska. The success of our members is directly linked to their ability to do business in an environment that has the necessary infrastructure to support and promote economic development. Our work on behalf of the business community is primarily supported by the volunteers that serve on the Chamber's public policy and advocacy committees.

Sincerely,

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Fairbanks Chamber

Garry Hutchison
Board Chair
Fairbanks Chamber

Cc: Interior Legislative Delegation
Gene Therriault, AIDEA

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