



March 22, 2024

Attention: Southeast Conference
9360 Glacier Highway, Suite 201
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRG) - Letter of collaborative support for the Accelerating Clean Energy Savings in Alaska's Coastal Communities Program (ACES – AK)

Dear Mr. Venables,

On behalf of Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA), please accept this letter of support for an implementation grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program by the Southeast Conference (SEC) and Alaska Heat Smart (AHS). We strongly believe that their *Accelerating Clean Energy Savings in Alaska's Coastal Communities Program* (ACES - AK) will help catalyze critical rural energy improvements, lower homeowners' heating costs, and dramatically reducing carbon emissions.

THRHA's mission is to connect Southeast Alaskans with sustainable housing opportunities and innovative financial solutions. Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority is assisting the ACES-AK project by offering technical expertise, assistance with understanding rural community housing metrics, and guidance on workforce development and contractor training opportunities. Please include THRHA as an advisory member of your developed ACES-AK Advisory Committee.

THRHA believes strongly in the need to decarbonize and lower the costs of space heating. The majority of coastal Alaska's communities are economically disadvantaged. Weighed down by some of the nation's highest heating and electricity costs, many households spend over 50% of their incomes on heat alone. The ACES – AK Program being developed by SEC and AHS will lower this burden for thousands of lower to modest income coastal Alaska families. With decades of combined experience in the spaces of economic development and beneficial electrification, SEC and AHS are poised to better the lives of Alaska residents while meeting the goals of the CPRG program.

We look forward to this new home energy education and financial incentive program and THRHA strongly supports the SEC - AHS proposal. We welcome the opportunity to partner with them to serve households along Alaska's coast.

Sincerely,

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