



## KODIAK AREA NATIVE ASSOCIATION

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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 Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA), 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.

KANA's mission is "To Elevate the Quality of Life of the People We Serve." We support efforts to lower the costs of home heating, improve indoor air quality, and keep utility expenditures cycling in local economies, all components of the developing ACES-AK program. KANA is assisting the ACES-AK project by offering an understanding of Kodiak community housing metrics, guidance on workforce development and contractor training opportunities, and access to community members in need. Please include KANA as an advisory member of your ACES-AK Advisory Committee.

KANA 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 the energy education and financial incentives at the core of the ACES-AK program and KANA strongly supports the SEC - AHS proposal. We welcome the opportunity to partner with them to improve the quality of life of Kodiak Island families.

Sincerely,

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Mike Pfeffer  
Chief Executive Officer  
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