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Robert Venables, Executive Director
Southeast Conference
9360 Glacier Highway, Suite 201
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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 the City and Borough of Juneau, 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.

CBJ works closely with Southeast Conference and Alaska Heat Smart, including annual funding of Alaska Heat Smart's operations. As a 100% hydropower community, the electrification and decarbonization of heating has long been a priority of the CBJ Assembly. SEC and AHS are well positioned to support us in that work while meeting the goals of the CPRG program.

Sincerely,

Katie Koester
City Manager