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**Subject: Support Letter for Accelerating Clean Energy Savings in
Alaska's Coastal Communities Program**

Dear Mr. Venables,

I am writing on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547 to express our full support for the implementation grant application submitted by the Southeast Conference (SEC) and Alaska Heat Smart (AHS) to the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program. Their proposed Accelerating Clean Energy Savings in Alaska's Coastal Communities Program (ACES - AK) holds significant promise in catalyzing essential rural energy enhancements, reducing homeowners' heating expenses, and notably curtailing carbon emissions.

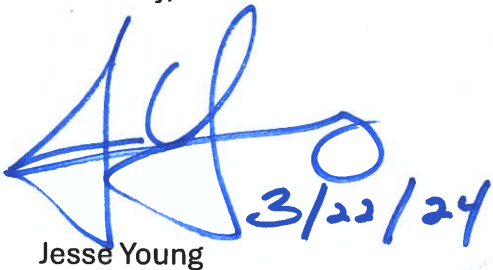
At IBEW Local 1547, we recognize the increasing significance of renewable energy and environmental sustainability within the electrical industry. In line with these principles, we are committed to aiding this initiative by facilitating training programs for electrical workers on the installation, maintenance, and operation of efficient heating systems, including heat pumps. Additionally, we are eager to collaborate with industry stakeholders to assist with community outreach and education, thereby connecting potential program applicants with essential resources.

The urgent need to decarbonize and alleviate the financial burden of space heating is particularly acute in coastal Alaska's economically disadvantaged communities. With some of the nation's highest heating and electricity costs, many households in these areas expend over 50% of their incomes solely on heating expenses. The proposed ACES - AK Program, spearheaded by SEC and AHS, promises to alleviate this strain for thousands of

lower to modest income families along Alaska's coast. Leveraging decades of combined expertise in economic development and beneficial electrification, SEC and AHS are well-positioned to enhance the quality of life for Alaska residents while advancing the objectives of the CPRG program.

We eagerly anticipate the implementation of this new home energy education and financial incentive program and wholeheartedly endorse the SEC - AHS proposal. IBEW Local 1547 is enthusiastic about the prospect of collaborating with SEC and AHS to serve households across Alaska's coastal communities.

Sincerely,



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