



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

March 20, 2024

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 Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP), 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 believe that the *Accelerating Clean Energy Savings in Alaska's Coastal Communities Program* (ACES-AK) will help catalyze critical rural energy improvements and lower homeowners' heating costs while dramatically reducing carbon emissions.

ACEP's mission is to develop and disseminate practical, cost-effective, and innovative energy solutions for Alaska and beyond. In its capacity of an applied research institute at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, ACEP supports informing decarbonization efforts and understand the importance of reducing the cost of space heating.

Most of coastal Alaska's communities are economically disadvantaged, with many families spending over 50% of their household income on space heating along. The ACES-AK Program being developed by SEC and AHS seeks to significantly lower this burden. We look forward to partnering on this new home energy education and financial incentive program for households along Alaska's coast.

Sincerely,

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