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Office of the Assistant Secretary  
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy  
Mail Stop EE-1  
Department of Energy  
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Support for Alaska Energy Authority Grant Application DE-FOA-0002197

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of the Alaska Chamber, I am writing to express our support for the Alaska Energy Authority's (AEA) United States Department of Energy competitive grant application (DE-FOA-0002197) to provide critical coordination and technical support needed to implement the State of Alaska Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Network and Fleet Adoption project.

Founded in 1953, the Alaska Chamber is dedicated to improving the business climate in our state. The Chamber represents hundreds of small and large businesses across the state that share a common goal: to make Alaska a viable and competitive place to do business. This grant is critical for the continued growth of EV sales in the state.

Alaska has one of the most underdeveloped EV markets in the United States. As Alaska's State Energy Office, AEA is well positioned to lead the development of an EV charging network across the Railbelt region of Alaska, which encompasses an area larger than Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois combined, and provides 80 percent of the state's electrical energy. Outside of the Railbelt region, EV charging networks are beginning to gain traction. For example, our capital city of Juneau presently enjoys a growing population of EVs. In addition to alleviating barriers to market adoption, reducing range anxiety, and demonstrating EV's performance in cold weather, building EV corridors creates jobs in Alaska and supports local economic growth.

AEA is focused on promoting the use of EV's in Alaska and is helping to remove barriers to EV adoption and increased access to charging infrastructure. We fully support AEA in their efforts to secure funding through this grant application that will help the State of Alaska see an organized EV charging network and continued fleet adoption in the years to come.

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kati Capozzi'.

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