



February 10, 2026

House Finance Committee

Re: House Bill 283, Approp: Supplemental

Co-Chairs Foster and Josephson,

For the record, my name is Kati Capozzi, and I serve as the President & CEO of the Alaska Chamber of Commerce. I'm testifying today to urge prompt passage of HB283.

The Alaska Chamber is the state's largest statewide business advocacy organization. Our mission is to promote a healthy business environment in Alaska. The Chamber has more than 700 members and represents businesses of all sizes and industries from across the state, representing 58,000 Alaskan workers and \$4.6 billion in wages.

I'd like to briefly reinforce one specific point from the Meet the Match letter sent to all members of the legislature on January 15<sup>th</sup>, and signed by the Alaska Chamber and twenty-one other Alaska business, Alaska Native and statewide labor organizations. And that is that Alaska is already halfway through the federal fiscal year, and each day that passes without access to the match is another day the State is unable to obligate funds, advertise projects, award contracts, and move planned work forward for this summer. Failure to act promptly could result in lost jobs and increased costs. Time truly is of the essence, and the Alaska Chamber asks that you approve the FY26 match appropriation as soon as possible to keep Alaska's transportation program on track and ensure these federal dollars are put to work for Alaskans.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

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

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