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Good afternoon, Senate Finance Committee,

I am in support of the Clean Water Act Section 404. After only being in the Alaskan community over the last 3 years, I understand the significance of Alaskan regulators managing this program. The State of Alaska already has an excellent track record of managing federal programs and are well equipped to manage the Clean Water Act Section 404 regulation. With this comes regulatory certainty this is needed to grow investment resource and community projects, and, importantly, the Alaskan economy.

Mining culture and community is something to be valued. Not only is there a long history of contributing to the state economy, but the mines tend to step up and would work with ADEC to work on the fee structure as well as help to provide support to cover these costs.

Bringing more stability and predictability to the process is important not only to our business, the communities, and the state of Alaska. Having the ability for the State of Alaska to set infrastructure permitting priorities, and build resources focused on customer service will improve the ability to deliver quality and timely infrastructure projects that immediately serve the needs of Alaska, and Alaskans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warmest regards,



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