



April 16, 2018

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux
House Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative LeDoux;

Re: House Bill 399 – Corporate Tax: Remove Exemptions/Credits

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce opposes House Bill 399 related to the corporate income tax and removing exemptions and credits.

The Alaska Chamber is a non-profit founded in 1953 working to promote a positive business environment in Alaska. The Chamber is the voice of small and large businesses representing hundreds of employers and local chambers across Alaska. Our member companies employ over 100,000 hard-working Alaskans. The Chamber supports tax policy that promote a positive business climate that encourages investment.

House Bill 399 will eliminate a laundry list of federal tax credits that can currently be used in determining a company's state tax. Everything from a credit for Alaskan employers who make up the wage difference for employees on active duty in military service and small Alaska businesses who provide health insurance for their employees to the enhanced oil recovery credit for the oil industry. These tax credits provide incentives to encourage Alaska businesses to invest in our state. Given the state of Alaska's economy we should be doing everything we can to create a positive business climate.

The objective of this legislation seems to be about generating new revenue for the State than increasing investment in Alaska and growing our economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Curtis W. Thayer', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Curtis W. Thayer
President & CEO

Cc: House of Representatives