



April 17, 2014

House Finance Committee Members
Alaska State House of Representatives
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Support for Senate Bill 127 (SB 127)

Dear Representatives:

The mission of the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce (Alaska Chamber) is to promote a positive business environment in Alaska. The Alaska Chamber represents hundreds of businesses, manufacturers and local chambers from across Alaska. Our members support legislation that updates and clarifies laws, provides regulatory certainty, and that generally improves Alaska's business climate. The Alaska Chamber supports Senate Bill 127 (SB 127) because it is a private-public partnership that is a win-win situation.

Senate Bill 127 (SB 127) ensures that the improved quality of service and efficiency of the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has been able to deliver increasingly for over a decade will continue. Advanced Business Partnerships (ABPs) provide license and renewal, titles and other DMV services to Alaskans.

Currently ABPs are paying for the fees for each of these transactions, including credit card fees. SB127 will allow ABPs to retain some of the administrative costs associated with provision of the DMV services they deliver.

This private-public partnership has already proved to be an effective way to reduce government through creative use of the private sector. It reduces government workload, increases private sector activity, and provides DMV services to Alaskans efficiently and in more locations than if left to government alone. The cost to the State to provide a similar level of service in as many locations would cost the State more than providing a commission as proposed in SB 127.

The Alaska Chamber fully supports SB 127 and appreciates your sponsorship of this legislation. We have sent similar letters to each member of the House Finance Committee encouraging their swift action on the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rachael Petro'.

Rachael Petro
President/CEO

Cc: The Honorable Cathy Giessel, Alaska State Senate