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Representative Louise Stutes  
Chair, House Transportation Committee  
Capitol Building  
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: SB115, Motor Fuel Tax

Dear Representative Stutes:

The Alaska Miners Association (AMA) is writing to support Senate Bill 115, "An Act relating to vehicle registration fees; and relating to the motor fuel tax."

AMA is a professional membership trade organization established in 1939 to represent the mining industry in Alaska. We are composed of more than 1,400 members that come from eight statewide branches: Anchorage, Denali, Fairbanks, Haines, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan/Prince of Wales, and Nome. Our members include individual prospectors, geologists, engineers, suction dredge miners, small family mines, junior mining companies, major mining companies, Alaska Native Corporations, and the contracting sector that supports Alaska's mining industry.

AMA has long advocated for a fiscal plan that includes responsible and sustainable spending, use of Permanent Fund earnings, and broad-based revenue measures. An increase to the motor vehicle fuel tax is consistent with our position.

Thank you for hearing this bill, and we encourage the Transportation Committee to pass it from committee.

Sincerely,

Deantha Crockett  
Executive Director