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The Honorable Jesse Kiehl
Alaska State Senator for District Q
Sent via e-mail: Senator.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov

Dear Senator Kiehl:

The City Council strongly supports SB121A. This Bill addresses many important issues the City of Gustavus is battling with. Gustavus is particularly impacted by the use of Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) containing polyfluoroalkyl and perfluoroalkyl (PFAS) substances. The contamination to our drinking water has significantly changed the lives of many residents and businesses in town.

Amending AS46.03 to address PFAS is an important step in addressing the devastation these substances have had on our town. All of the sections of this Bill are worth mentioning however, I would like to focus on two: 1) Section 46.04.340 Testing; drinking water; 2) Section 46.03.350 Use of firefighting substances.

Section 46.04.340 establishes cutoff concentration for seven substances. These limits clearly identify cutoff levels are lower than previous limits and will further the protection and recourse of our citizens.

Section 46.03.350 addresses the authority for the use of firefighting substances that contain PFAS, such as AFFF. This section, particularly subsection (b), protects local fire departments and municipalities by establishing a mechanism that recognizes no fault in the execution of their duties.

Please continue supporting our community and those that protect it.

Sincerely,

Brittney Cannamore, Mayor

Cc: Senate Resource Committee Senate.Resources@akleg.gov