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To: House Resources Committee

Re: HB106 – Extending the Termination Date of the Alaska Coastal Management Program

The Alaska Oil and Gas Association (AOGA) is writing today to express our support for HB106 which would extend the sunset date for the Alaska Coastal Management Program by six years.

AOGA is a private, nonprofit trade association whose member companies account for the majority of oil and gas exploration, development, production, transportation, marketing and refining activities in Alaska.

Because virtually all operations of the members of AOGA take place within, or adjacent to, Alaska's coastal zone, we have been actively engaged in development and implementation of provisions of the Alaska Coastal Management Act (ACMA) and the subsequent Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) since the program's inception in 1977.

AOGA has long been an advocate of and contributor to sound legislation and regulations which balance resource development with environmental protection. AOGA input to achieve these goals has included support of a timely, smooth functioning and predictable State permitting regime.

To be successful and serve all entities in Alaska, any permitting program, and in particular the Alaska Coastal Management Program, must embody the following principles:

- Provide benefit for all Alaska residents by development of Alaska's resources
- Contain clear and concise requirements
- Be unambiguous and avoid opportunities for misinterpretation
- Provide predictable and firm timelines
- Provide predictability regarding applicable requirements and scope
- Avoid duplication of other state and federal permitting programs

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- Contain clear limits so that district policies not require agencies to implement authorities that were not granted them by the legislature or that contradict agency regulations.

The ACMP as it exists today encompasses these principles, and we support continuance of the program in its current form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn Crockett".

MARILYN CROCKETT
Executive Director