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Honorable Bryce Edgmon
Alaska House of Representatives
Speaker of the House
State Capitol Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Speaker Edgmon:

National Air Carrier Association (NACA)¹ represents fourteen U.S. airlines, including scheduled and non-scheduled passenger and cargo carriers. Our member airlines operate domestically and internationally for commercial and U.S. military customers.

We understand the Alaska state legislature may consider House Bill 60, which would triple the current jet fuel tax. This substantial increase would negatively impact many of our members that serve Alaska or use its airports as waypoints for international operations. Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC) is used heavily by US cargo and passenger carriers and this proposed legislation could jeopardize ANC's future growth for these operations.

This proposed legislation would have a disproportionately negative impact on two of our member airlines based in Alaska: Everts Air Cargo (Fairbanks) and Northern Air Cargo (Anchorage). These cargo airlines operate at large and small airports throughout the state, serving as a vital lifeline to many communities that rely on air transportation as their only means of re-supply. Such a steep increase in the jet fuel tax would increase prices across the board for consumers in Alaska.

We understand the budgetary challenges the state of Alaska faces. Increasing taxes, however, on an already highly taxed industry that is especially important to the state's economy is counterproductive.

¹ NACA Members: Air Transport International, Allegiant Air, Atlas Air, Eastern Air Lines, Everts Air Cargo, Kalitta Air, Omni Air International, Northern Air Cargo, Spirit Airlines, Southern Air, Sun Country Airlines, USA Jet Airlines, Western Global Airlines.

We strongly urge the House to reject House Bill 60.

Please contact us for any clarifications or additional information.

Sincerely,

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President