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The Honorable Bill Wielechowski and Cathy Geissel
Senate Resources Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1185

RE: Support for Senate Bill 61: Electronic Device Recycling

Dear Senators Wielechowski, Geissel and Honorable Members of the Senate Resources Committee,

Gustavus is a small community located off the road system 40 miles west of Juneau, and which also serves as the gateway community for Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve.

While we have a strong recycling program, our landfill is not built to accept electronics, lacking a liner or leachate system. There is no easy way to recycle electronics as they do in the Lower 48 and electronic waste is a growing concern because of the expense and limited availability of funds for shipping.

We request your support of SB 61 to help reduce the community health burden faced by rural communities trying to deal with recycling electronics.

Sincerely,

Sally McLaughlin
Mayor, City of Gustavus