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Dear Representative Olson:

I am writing to you to encourage your support for HB63 banning the import of PBDEs (polybrominated diphenyl ethers) and phase out their use in our state by 2013.

I am sure that you already know of the health risks associated with exposure to these chemicals, including problems in brain development and function, including learning, behavior and memory as well as thyroid function.

They are persistent and accumulative in our Arctic soils and water, and are already too present in our food chain. As a result even those who most depend on a subsistence lifestyle are in danger.

There are excellent replacements for these chemicals in clothing and electronics, and they are no longer needed.

I urge you to help Alaska join with other proactive states that have banned these dangerous chemicals. By joining this larger movement, we may begin to lead industry away from the production of these toxins.

Thank you for your time,

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