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From: Dan Matthews <dan@ubctrainingak.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 2:45 PM
To: Rep. Chris Tuck
Subject: support for HB142

Dear Mr.Tuck,

I am writing this email in support of HB142, which I think is long over due. I am the president of Carpenters Local 1281 with over 1000 members statewide. It is no secret that much of our work is seasonal and we basically "work ourselves out of a job" on every project. Our members count on these benefits to help make ends meet when there is a break in the work cycle. The increased benefit would help our members maintain a respectable lifestyle for them and their families and bring us closer to national averages.. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Daniel R. Matthews
President: Carpenters Local 1281

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From: Jonathan dunbar <jonnydunski@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 10:49 AM
To: Rep. Chris Tuck
Subject: support HB 142

I am writing you in support of HB 142 to raise Unemployment Insurance.

I am a construction worker that only works a little over half the year and most years there is a down time that can be longer than expected between jobs. Our UI benefits are no where near what they should be giving our cost of living. There are states that have nearly triple the amount of ours if not more. I am also an instructor and apprentices have to go 4-6 weeks without work and to think they could survive on 350 (before taxes) a week with our cost of living is impossible. Some are fathers and mothers and need help to sustain through the down time in between their Job/Career of building this beautiful state and constructing buildings that allow other employers a place to employ workers. It would seem that raising UI to 50% of the average weekly wage rates would put Alaska in line with the majority of the rest of the country.

Thank you
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