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Honorable Bert Stedman  
Alaska State Senate  
Alaska State Capitol, Rm 30  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stedman,

I respectfully request that Senate Bill 163 be scheduled for consideration in the Senate Transportation Committee at your earliest convenience.

SB 163 proposes to align Alaska's current definition of commercial motor vehicle to federal law, adding provisions to address when farm vehicles and school buses are *not* considered commercial motor vehicles. This proposal would ease restrictions on persons who operate farm vehicles by freeing them to drive beyond the current, statutorily limited 150-mile boundary. Additionally, a school bus used intrastate for the transport of Alaska's school children to and from home and school would *not* be considered a commercial motor vehicle under this proposal.

Included with this hearing request is a copy of SB 163 and appropriate support materials. If you have any questions, please contact my staff, Mike Lesmann, at 465-4772.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Luiken".

Marc Luiken  
Commissioner

cc: Mike Lesmann, Legislative Liaison

Enclosures