

# International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

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Dear Co-Chairs Tarr and Josephson and Members of the House Resources Committee:

On behalf of the 5,000 members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547, I am writing in support of HB 27.

HB 27 will protect the health of Alaska's children by preventing the manufacture, sale, and distribution of toxic and unnecessary flame retardant chemicals in children's products and home furniture. Under current federal law, these toxic chemicals are virtually unregulated for their safety. We now have scientific evidence that proves exposure to chemical flame retardants causes serious health problems.

One of the tenets of our union is safety. In the 1800's when we were founded one of every two electrical workers were killed on the job. Being proactive on this issue helps reduce costs and risks as workers, especially first responders. Exposure to harmful chemicals in the workplace will only result in lost productivity at a financial cost to employers.

We support HB 27 because this legislation provides an opportunity to ensure that all Alaskans have good information and safe products.

Thank you for your consideration of our views. Please support HB 27.

Sincerely,

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