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Senator Donny Olson
Chairman, Community & Regional Affairs Committee
Capitol Building Room 514
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Olson:

The Interior Alaska Building Association (IABA) represents over 200 members locally, and is affiliated with the Alaska State Home Building Association (ASHBA) and the National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB).

As the current president of IABA, I wish to express our support for Senate Bill 129 *"An Act relating to state and municipal building code requirements for fire sprinkler systems in certain residential buildings."*

The State of Alaska needs to have in place a legislative provision that eliminates any and all future requirements for the State of Alaska or any local jurisdiction to mandate a requirement for the installation of fire sprinkler systems, or suppression systems in one and two-family dwellings.

Senate Bill 129 will put this restriction in place while still allowing Alaskans, who so choose, to install these systems in their homes. This legislation would in no way hinder the ability of local municipalities or state agencies to offer incentives for the voluntary installation of these systems. AHFC could offer interest rate reductions for homes built with, or remodeled to include with these systems. Local boroughs and municipalities could still offer property tax credits to homeowners who have fire sprinklers installed.

It has been proven that, with the increased safety features being utilized in the construction of newer one and two-family dwellings in recent years, the safety of the occupants has increased dramatically, and injuries due to fires has significantly been reduced during the past twenty years.

We feel due to the burden of increased costs, maintenance issues, and many other concerns pertaining to cold climate installations it is not necessary to mandate the installation of fire sprinkler systems or fire suppression systems in one and two-family dwellings. Therefore, we support the Senator Menard's legislation and encourage the legislature to get this legislation passed.

If you have any additional questions you can contact me at 907-460-7687.

Respectfully yours,

David Miller
President
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