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The Honorable Paul Seaton
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Dear Representative Seaton,

On behalf of the Seward Fire Department please consider this letter of support for House Concurrent Resolution 1.

This is a monumental step forward in protecting our communities statewide. The benefits of sprinkler installations have long been discussed among our profession, but it has been only recently that our voices have been heard and we thank you for hearing our plea. Too often we respond to a call only to find that had there been a sprinkler system in place lives would have been saved and damage would have been limited.

In this troublesome time of a difficult economy, it is imperative that we protect new and future infrastructure, be that commercial or residential. A sprinkler system does that along with providing occupants the chance to escape from a fire, thereby decreasing the potential for loss of life as well.

Thank you for your sponsorship of this resolution and your continued commitment to the great State of Alaska and its' citizens!

Respectfully,
David Squires

David Squires, Fire Chief