



March 25, 2010

Representative Kurt Olson
House Labor & Commerce Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: House Bill 202

Dear Representative Olson,

The Alaska State Home Building Association (ASHBA) would like to express its support for House Bill 202 version S.

Although this legislation has been altered significantly since its introduction last year, it still accomplishes the main goal for which it was initially introduced.

Mandating residential fire sprinklers systems in the construction of all new 1 and 2 family dwellings could raise significant issues that most Alaskans are currently unaware of.

Both House Bill 202 and its Senate companion SB129 will provide Alaskans with the opportunity to be properly notified if their local governments decide to pursue a residential fire sprinkler mandate. It will also provide the time and opportunity to become educated on the issue and express their views before such a mandate could be implemented.

ASHBA urges the Legislature to pass HB 202 (version S) in its current form and will not support any amendments or changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wally Smith".

Wally Smith, President
Alaska State Home Building Association