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Senator Bert Stedman
State Capitol Room 516
Juneau AK, 99801

Reference: HB366 "An Act establishing an Alaska intrastate mutual aid system and relating to the duties of the Alaska division of homeland security and emergency management and the duties of the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission."

Dear Senator Stedman,

I am writing today on behalf of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association and, more importantly, the communities throughout Alaska that our members provide Fire, EMS, and other Emergency Response Services to ask you to schedule HB366 for a hearing before the Senate Finance Committee.

HB366 is a critical piece of legislation that will give us the needed framework to allow the State of Alaska, working with all of the communities in Alaska, the ability to develop a comprehensive Intrastate Mutual Aid plan.

This bill has tremendous statewide support as can be noted through the diverse letters of support and testimony received so far. Letters and testimony from communities, the Alaska Commission on Aging, Food Bank of Alaska, the Alaska Municipal League, the Alaska State Fair Association, AARP, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, as well as the Fire, EMS, Emergency Management, and other public safety agencies across the State.

HB366 is the foundation that we will use to build an Intrastate Mutual Aid System that will allow us to do what we do best "Alaskan's helping Alaskan's"

We urge you to place HB366 on the Senate Finance Calendar.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Tucker", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Tucker, Fire Chief
North Star Volunteer Fire Department
Immediate Past-President, Alaska Fire Chiefs Association