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**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2012 7:07 AM  
**To:** Jim Gottstein; Samuel\_Gottstein@legis.state.ak.us  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Soliciting Doctors in support of SB-27, banning toxic flame retardants (PBDEs)

Dear Mr. Gottstein -

The American Academy of Environmental Medicine (AAEM) supports Alaska Senate Bill 27 (*An Act relating to flame retardants and to the manufacture, sale, and distribution of products containing flame retardants; relating to bioaccumulative toxic chemicals; and providing for an effective date.*) sponsored by Senator Wielechowski calling for a ban on toxic flame retardants from being manufactured, sold, and distributed in Alaska. The AAEM supports measures by both public and private agencies to do all within their power to reduce significantly the potential for toxic exposures to environmental chemicals.

Founded in 1965 as a non-profit medical association, the AAEM brings together physicians and scientists interested in the complex relationship between the environment and health. With an elite membership of highly trained physicians and clinicians, the Academy is committed to advancing the field of Environmental Medicine through member development and education, public awareness and research.

In October 2008 the AAEM published a position paper on chemical sensitivity including the toxic effects of PBDE's. The position paper can be found at <http://www.aaemonline.org/chemicalsensitivitypost.html>

We commend Senator Wielechowski for his forward thinking action and his support for the most vulnerable of the citizens he represents.

In optimal health,

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