

ALASKA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

2358 Bradway Road, North Pole, Alaska 99705 Phone: (907) 488-3400 FAX: (907) 488-6118

March 4, 2011

Representative Lindsey Holmes State Capitol Room 405 Juneau AK, 99801

Senator Bill Wielechowski State Capitol Room 101 Juneau AK, 99801

Reference: HB 63 & SB 27

On behalf of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association I am writing to give our support for HB 63 and SB 27; **TITLE:** "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."

Polybrominated Fire Retardants (PBDEs) have been proven to be toxic chemicals and hazardous not only to residents in homes with PBDEs but to Fire Firefighters who may be called to fight fires in structures where these chemicals are present.

We support the passage of HB 63 and SB 27.

Sincerely,

Jeff Tucker, President

Alaska Fire Chiefs Association