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The Honorable Dennis Egan Alaska State Legislature 120 4th Street State Capitol, Room 510 Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: SB 158 - "An Act relating to the Real Estate Commission; and providing for an effective date."

Dear Senator Egan,

I want to personally thank you for introducing SB 158, which effectively addresses three problem areas as identified by the Alaska Association of Realtors, and the real estate brokerage community.

The bill you introduced allows the Alaska Real Estate Commission the authority to designate a licensee to manage the affairs of a broker who is unable to conduct business either due to medical reasons, or for violation of the statutes and regulations.

It also clearly defines statute, allowing licensed assistants to work only in the brokerage where they are licensed.

Finally, the proposed bill allows licensees to make charitable contributions from their commissions without violating AS 0.88.401.

I know your efforts on behalf of the real estate licensees of the State of Alaska are greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

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