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Rep. Eric Feige
State Capitol Room 126
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Reference: HB219 "An Act exempting certain emergency medical and fire department services from regulation as insurance."

Dear Rep. Feige,

I am writing today on behalf of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association in support of HB219 "An Act exempting certain emergency medical and fire department services from regulation as insurance."

In some of our smaller communities across the State of Alaska raising funds to provide for Fire and EMS services is difficult at best. They are not supported through local taxation and survive through donations and other fund raising means.

A model that has been used nationally is for the local Fire or EMS agency to charge a subscription or fee to provide services to an individual or family. The revenue generated by these fees goes directly to support the operations of the Emergency Service Provider.

We feel that HB219 makes clear that these agencies are not providing insurance and should not be regulated as such.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Tucker". The signature is stylized with a large loop at the end.

Jeff Tucker, Fire Chief
AFCA Legislative Committee Chair