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The Honorable Kurt Olson
State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: House Bill 32

Dear Representative Olson:

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business/Alaska, I wish to respectfully share our support for House Bill 32. The National Federation of Independent Business is the largest small-business advocacy group in Alaska.

Current law requires a business owner to purchase a separate state license for each line of business they operate out of a registered business. House Bill 32 would reduce that requirement to one license for each business.

Small business owners in Alaska often do many things to survive. An example is a person who plows driveways in the winter and falls trees in the summer. Currently this person is required to purchase two separate business licenses. There are many other examples with individuals required to purchase as many as 8 or 9 licenses.

It is likely those working in more than one line of business are those who are least able to afford multiple license fees paid to the state. This is especially difficult for those Alaskans when they discover that business license fees bring in double or triple the amount the state spends issuing and monitoring business licenses.

This bill will relatively little impact on state revenues, but it helps Alaskans who generally should not be subsidizing other areas of government with their licensing fees.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis L. DeWitt
Alaska State Director

Cc: NFIB/AK Leadership Council