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Structural Engineering & Inspection – Construction Management Services

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Representative Kurt Olson
Chairman
House Labor & Commerce Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 24
Juneau, Alaska 99501-1182

RE: House Bill 167
An Act relating to the regulation of architects, engineers,
land surveyors and landscape architects

Dear Representative Olson:

I am an Alaska registered design professional and I offer my support for HB 167 dealing with proposed amendments to AS 08.48.221 Seals, AS 08.48.281 Prohibited Practice, AS 08.48.331 Exemptions, and AS 08.48.341 Definitions.

This support is offered based on observing abuse in the use of seals and the misinterpretation of the intent regarding exemptions over 17 years of practice as a licensed engineer. I have reviewed the proposed changes included in HB 167, and believe these proposed changes will ensure that there is no confusion in the interpretation of the intent of the statutes.

Thank you for taking your time to pursue this important issue to help protect properly practicing design professionals as well as the people of the State of Alaska.

If you have any questions regarding this, I can be reached @ 907-694-0507, or email @ boien@gci.net.

Sincerely,
Oien Associates, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben C. Oien', with a stylized, flowing script.

Benjamin C. Oien, P.E.
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