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House Labor & Commerce Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 24
Juneau, Alaska 99801
Attn: Representative Kurt Olson, Chairman

Reference: House Bill 167

Dear Mr. Olson:

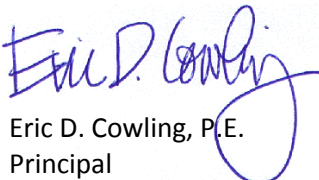
Please accept this letter of my support concerning House Bill 167, regarding the regulation of architects, engineers, land surveyors and landscape architects in the State of Alaska.

I, Eric Cowling, have been licensed and practiced as an electrical engineer within the State of Alaska for the past 16 years. Throughout my career, I have witnessed the improper use of seals, particularly in registrant's stamping documents outside their field of practice; as well as ambiguity regarding the level at which engineered drawings are required. Both of these acts have allowed for a minimum standard of design to be compromised. House Bill 167 addresses both of these issues and provides much needed clarity to the existing regulations.

The above mentioned happenings have resulted due to misinterpretations in the current regulations and statutes. Upon correction of these areas, through the passing of House Bill 167, licensed professionals would be better equipped to conform to the regulated standards set before them.

The clarification provided through House Bill 167 would require a higher level of accountability within the design and building trade community. The enforcement that the bill provides, by limiting professionals to work only within their areas of expertise, is much needed and would surely prove to provide and protect a higher level of public safety.

Sincerely,
EIC Engineers


Eric D. Cowling, P.E.
Principal