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Senator Dunleavy,

I wanted to testify today, and most likely will at the next appointed teleconference.

I have been opposing this creeping legislation which takes away fundamental individual rights and passes on a privilege status to corporations (contractors).

Around 2004 I and others, were forced to become licensed and bonded for small projects (\$10,000. is small in building). I opposed it then, but many simply have ignored it and are working under ground so to speak.

The next phase was more appalling. They made it illegal to sell more than one house every 2 years.

Finally, now we are in the 3rd phase, illegal to sell any house you own and have built within 2 years of building it.

Here is what is wrong with this morally and constitutionally I believe:

Our Declaration of Independence & Article 1, Section 1, Alaska State Constitution, both acknowledge individual rights which can not be taken away by anyone. They were God given, and as you know, that is why it was chosen to be a Republic. I am told the original wording had been "life liberty and property". Maybe you can tell me if that particular fact is true?

The primary purpose of government is to protect our rights, like private property, from being taken away from us. It is outrageous that increasingly we see an inverted application, where our government is actively devising ways of limiting these rights to be at liberty with our property.

This has to be stopped at every level everywhere. I want to stand up for other citizen's freedoms, not take them away.

If we want consumer protection in housing, there are ways other than limiting or eliminating individual liberty for every one. How about certifications or standards etc..

Furthermore, private homeowner building may be good, in that it puts pressure downward on house prices. If contractors have a better product, they should not need lobbyists to secure their edge over homeowner builders. When I became a contractor my prices went up immediately!

Thank you for considering my points.

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