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ALASKA

March 14, 2013

The Honorable Lora Reinbold
State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: House Bill 140

Dear Representative Reinbold:

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business/Alaska, I wish to respectfully share our support for House Bill 140. The National Federation of Independent Business is the largest small-business advocacy group in Alaska.

Regulations promulgated by the administrative branch continue to add costs to the operation of small businesses in Alaska. All too often, those involved in writing regulations fail to realize the cost their actions have on private individuals and businesses that are not reimbursed by government. We are happy to see legislation recognizing this fact and requiring that it be recognized by administrative agencies as they consider new regulations.

The National Federation of Independent Businesses/Alaska polled its members asking if legislation or regulation that pertain to business require a cost-benefit analysis before implementation. Our members voted 71% in favor of such a requirement. While this is not specifically addressed in the legislation, HB 140 is a substantive step towards recognizing the cost of regulations to the private sector and municipalities.

If we want Alaska to be welcoming to small business, it is important the state begin to recognize the costs it mandates on those small businesses. Until we require those costs be officially recognized, it is difficult to reduce regulatory costs for small businesses.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Dennis L. DeWitt", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dennis L. DeWitt
Alaska State Director

Cc: NFIB/AK Leadership Council
House Judiciary Committee