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Crystal G White

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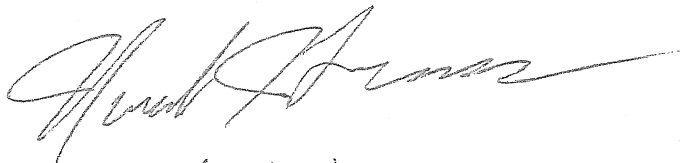
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Representative Kurt Olson, Chair
Labor and Commerce Committee
The Alaska State House of Representatives
State Capital
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Mr. Olson,

I cant believe my eyes. The working people of Alaska want an increase to the minimum wage and a mechanism in place so we don't have pass around an initiative every 4-5 years to get you people to do your job, and House Rules wants to mess with it. Give me a break! HB 384 is nothing more than a stalking horse for bad employers so they can come back and take any increase away next year! Don't fall for this and don't have the audacity to tell me it is anything but a cheap trick, I know better. Vote NO on HB 384



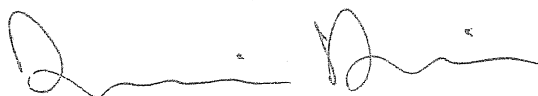
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Donnie Davis



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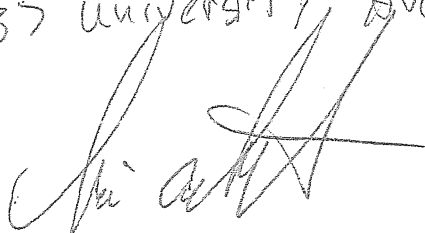
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Respectfully

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