



March 6, 2014

The Honorable Anna Fairclough
State Capitol Room 514
Juneau AK, 99801

Re: Senate Bill 129 - Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

Dear Senator Fairclough,

The Alaska Chamber is writing in support of Senate Bill 129 (SB 129), an act extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers.

The Alaska Chamber is an organization dedicated to improving the business environment in Alaska. The Alaska Chamber represents hundreds businesses from Ketchikan to Barrow that share a common goal: to make Alaska a viable and competitive place to do business. But the Alaska Chamber and Alaska's businesses can't do this alone.

Maintaining a positive business environment requires that the State of Alaska work to keep its own house in order administratively. SB 129 is an example of that.

Regulated communities benefit from timely, educated responses from experienced boards. Extension of the Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers (BCREA) is a good example of that. Additionally, it is important Alaska's laws comply with federal laws ensuring Alaska's appraisers will be eligible to appraise federally backed loans.

On behalf of Alaska's business community, thank you for your efforts to update the responsibilities of the BCREA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rachael Petro'.

Rachael Petro
President/CEO