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ALASKA

March 14, 2016

The Honorable Kurt Olson
Chair
House Labor & Commerce Committee
State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: House Bill 313

Dear Representative Olson:

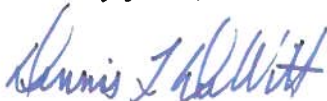
On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business/Alaska, I wish to respectfully share our support for House Bill 313. The National Federation of Independent Business is the largest small-business advocacy group in Alaska.

House Bill 313 increases the threshold for imposition of Little Davis Bacon prevailing wages to public construction contracts exceeding \$75,000. We believe it will assist in reducing costs for public agencies by allowing the agencies to accept bids on smaller projects without reference to prevailing wages. Moreover, it exempts the projects from many requirements necessary for large projects but are incredibly costly for small projects.

NFIB believes that this increase will provide more opportunities for small businesses to win contracts with public agencies. Small businesses in Alaska usually have few employees and are often times related to the owner. Their overhead is small so added unnecessary administrative costs consume a larger percent of a project than a contractor working on larger projects.

HB 313 provides increased opportunity for small businesses and opportunities for savings to public entities in these fiscally difficult times.

Sincerely yours,



Dennis L. DeWitt
Alaska State Director

Cc: NFIB/AK Leadership Council