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Senator Egan
State Capitol Room 417
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Egan:

Thank you for taking time to address this matter as it is of great importance to the Alaska Fire Service and victims of violent crimes.

The Alaska Fire Chiefs Association support House Bill 339 and Senate Bill SB 187 "An Act relating to Arson in the 3rd degree.

This simple addition to the existing law will allow people to be held accountable for the crime of arson when lighting a vehicle on fire regardless of the ownership of the land the vehicle is parked on.

Under the current statute they can only be prosecuted if the vehicle was located on state or municipal lands. The addition of "Private Property" will give prosecutors additional tools to help combat Alaska's arson crimes.

Thank you very much for your time and support to this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Etheridge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Richard Etheridge
President