Dear Representative Hughes:

Thank you for sponsoring House Bill 12. We are writing to you as independent contractor State Farm Agents. We are each small business owners in Alaska. We employ between three and ten team members each, and market insurance and bank products to fellow Alaskans exclusively on behalf of State Farm Insurance Companies and State Farm Bank.

As part of our business, we originate home loan applications exclusively for State Farm Bank. Because we are independent contractors (and not employees) we are required to be licensed as and follow all the regulations for Mortgage Loan Originators (MLO) as well as be licensed as a Mortgage Broker. The Mortgage Loan Originator (MLO) licensing requirement is something we don't contest. However, under current Alaska law, we must <u>also</u> be licensed as Mortgage Brokers, simply to sponsor and supervise ourselves as MLO's. That makes no sense and is not required in any other situation. Having to carry a Mortgage Loan Originator license <u>and</u> a Mortgage Broker/Company License is duplicative and causes unnecessary expense and hardship. We are pleased that even the State of Alaska's Division of Banking and Securities recognizes that we are not serving as "Brokers" and has approved of the method to address this problem in HB 12. Some of our associates don't even offer loans to their long-time customers because of this onerous burden. Some of us have considered dropping this service to our customers because of the dozens of hours of reporting and paperwork and the approximately \$2000 extra per year it requires.

Thank you again for sponsoring HB 12. If we may be a resource in answering questions or providing additional support, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

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