

Representative Louise Stutes, Chair

House Special Committee on Fisheries

Alaska State Legislature

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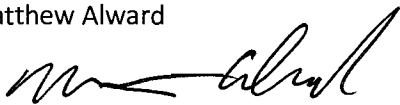
Representative Stutes,

Homer Marine Trades Association is an association of over 70 marine trades businesses from the greater Kachemak Bay area. Although we were formed primarily as a marketing association, as our businesses grew, we discovered the lack of a trained local workforce. We have since partnered with the local high school and college campus to promote career awareness and workforce development in the industry. We have two board members on the Industry Advisory Committee for the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan and are actively planning for further involvement within our community.

We strongly support HCR 10 and thank you for introducing it. We all know the importance of the marine trades to the State of Alaska; career awareness and workforce development are a key part to putting Alaskans to work in the high paying and highly skilled jobs that the marine trades industry has to offer.

Sincerely,

Matthew Alward

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Vice President Homer Marine Trades Association

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