

PRUHS

Construction Company, LLC



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Senator Mia Costello

State Capitol Room 504

Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Senate Bill 56

Senator Costello:

I am writing to urge your support for Senate Bill 56, which will ensure that Alaskans selling or using heavy equipment are adequately protected by manufacturers' s warranties or when required by manufacturers to "update" equipment.

Alaska's remote locations, high shipping costs, transportation challenges and harsh weather result in high costs for warranty and update services for a manufacturer's defective products, many of which are discounted or not reimbursed at all by the manufacturers who require them. Our Alaska businesses have to absorb expenses for shipping, transportation and labor that should be paid by the companies that manufacture defective products, provide warranties and require equipment updates.

Senate Bill 56 is modeled after existing state laws for warranties covering boats and ATV's. This bill extends that same protection to the equipment that keeps Alaska's construction, farm, forestry and resource extraction business running. Fixing this problem is one small step the legislature can take to help Alaska's construction & natural resource business and the companies that supply and serve them as they try to stay in the business and keep Alaskans employed in these challenging economic times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. D. Pruhs", is written over a horizontal line.

J. Dana Pruhs, President

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