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January 29, 2018

The Honorable Kevin Meyer Room 103 State Capitol Building Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: Senate Bill 130 Voter Approval for New Taxes

Dear Senator Meyer:

On behalf of the NFIB/Alaska, I wish to respectfully share our support for Senate Bill 130. NFIB, the Voice of Small Business, is the largest small-business advocacy group in Alaska.

Senate Bill 130 would require voter approval of any broad-based individual income tax or statewide general sales tax. Alaskan members have strongly opposed both of these taxes. We believe a vote of the people is a prudent measure to protect Alaskans from unnecessary taxation.

Income taxes fall heavily on productive Alaskans. Taking money from individuals and transferring it to government does not create wealth or improve a slumping economy. A sales tax is regressive and inhibits commerce in our state.

These are critical issues for Alaskans. We believe that Alaskans should have a direct say in this significant change in statewide taxation.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis L. DeWitt Alaska State Director

Cc: NFIB/AK Leadership Council

Senate State Affairs Committee