



## **Alaska State Home Building Association**

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January 26, 2018

The Honorable Sam Kito III, Chairman  
Labor & Commerce Committee  
Alaska House of Representatives  
State Capital Building  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative Kito:

On February 5, 2018, the Alaska State Home Building Association's board of directors will be meeting in Juneau. This letter is to request your consideration for allowing our organization to speak before the House Labor & Commerce Committee about potential legislation to establish a state residential building code.

Alaska does not have a state residential building code, although there are a number of codes woven throughout Alaska statutes regarding large scale construction, plumbing, electrical, etc. While we are not an industry that advocates for the growth of government and more regulations, we are a trade association that promotes best practices in residential construction and consumer protection. We sincerely believe a residential building code can be adopted in a manner that improves the quality of housing for consumers without being onerous and creating burdensome costs.

Per your approval, our hope is to provide a brief overview to the House Labor & Commerce Committee about our desire to see legislation introduced. Our organization is committed to supporting an effort to establish a state residential building code, and we are prepared to work with the legislature and state agencies toward reaching consensus in this regard.

Thank you for considering this request. Please do hesitate to let us know if you have questions or would like more information.

Sincerely,

Jim Dunlap, President  
Alaska State Home Building Association