

## **House Bill 27 Letters of Support**

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**Subject:** HB 27 (Flame Retardants) - ACC Opposition Testimony  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 3, 2019 11:00:14 AM  
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Dear Co-Chairs Lincoln and Tarr and Members of the House Resources Committee:  
Attached is an opposition letter from the American Chemistry Council regarding HB 27. Thank you in advance for the opportunity to share our views. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Lindsay Stovall

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**Lindsay Stovall** | American Chemistry Council  
Director, State and Regulatory Affairs

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**From:** [Sally McLaughlin](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** HB27  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 3, 2019 1:46:49 PM

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Dear Representative Lincoln,

I am writing to express my full support for the passage of the Toxic Free Firefighters and Children Act. PFAS have become one of the biggest threats facing all members of society, and flame retardants especially affect our vulnerable children and our first responders who come in direct contact with these dangerous chemicals. Flame retardants in furniture, carpeting, children's clothing, etc are extremely detrimental to the health of our firefighters, our children and our environment.

Please adopt the same fortitude that the Anchorage Assembly showed in passing their version and allow us to have a unified stance throughout Alaska. Let Alaska be the leaders for the rest of the nation!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sally McLaughlin  
Gustavus AK

**From:** [Theresa Bartoldus](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 3, 2019 6:18:40 PM

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John Lincoln  
Alaska Leg

RE: Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!

Dear John Lincoln,

Dear members of the House Resources Committee

I am deeply concerned about the health effects of toxic chemical flame retardants on Alaskan children and firefighters. These chemicals are associated with miscarriages, premature births, cancer, developmental harm, and neurological impairment.

I thank co-chair Geran Tarr for her leadership in supporting HB 27 which would phase out classes of harmful chemicals from interfering with our children's futures.

I urge members of the House resources committee to support a healthy Alaskan community free of exposures to toxic flame retardants by voting to pass the bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Ms. Theresa Bartoldus  
[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, AK 99508  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Patricia Byrne](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 3, 2019 6:11:51 PM

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John Lincoln  
Alaska Leg

RE: Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Ms. Patricia Byrne  
[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, AK 99508  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Veri di Suvero](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 3, 2019 6:07:02 PM

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John Lincoln  
Alaska Leg

RE: Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Veri di Suvero  
Executive Director  
Alaska Public Interest Research Group

Sincerely,  
Ms. Veri di Suvero  
[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, AK 99507  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Thomas Ely](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!  
**Date:** Thursday, April 4, 2019 7:42:08 AM

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John Lincoln  
Alaska Leg

RE: Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!

Dear John Lincoln,

Dear members of the House Resources Committee

I have a career firefighting friend who contracted cancer and is lucky to be alive today. I am deeply concerned about the health effects of toxic chemical flame retardants on Alaskan children and firefighters. These chemicals are associated with miscarriages, premature births, cancer, developmental harm, and neurological impairment.

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I urge members of the House resources committee to support a healthy Alaskan community free of exposures to toxic flame retardants by voting to pass the bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Mr. Thomas Ely  
[REDACTED]  
Haines, AK 99827  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Jim Farrell](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!  
**Date:** Thursday, April 4, 2019 8:24:30 AM

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John Lincoln  
Alaska Leg

RE: Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!

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I am deeply concerned about the health effects of toxic chemical flame retardants on Alaskan children and firefighters. These chemicals are associated with miscarriages, premature births, cancer, developmental harm, and neurological impairment.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Mr. Jim Farrell  
[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, AK 99701  
[REDACTED]



**From:** [Mark Giese](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 3, 2019 6:17:40 PM

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John Lincoln  
Alaska Leg

RE: Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!

Dear John Lincoln,

Dear members of the House Resources Committee

I am deeply concerned about the health effects of toxic chemical flame retardants on Alaskan children and firefighters. These chemicals are associated with miscarriages, premature births, cancer, developmental harm, and neurological impairment.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Mr. Mark Giese

[REDACTED]  
Racine, WI 53403  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Jacica Kim](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!  
**Date:** Thursday, April 4, 2019 10:44:13 AM

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John Lincoln  
Alaska Leg

RE: Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!

Dear John Lincoln,

Dear members of the House Resources Committee

I am deeply concerned about the health effects of toxic chemical flame retardants on Alaskan children and firefighters. These chemicals are associated with miscarriages, premature births, cancer, developmental harm, and neurological impairment and do not provide any proven fire safety benefits.

I thank co-chair Geran Tarr for her leadership in supporting HB 27 which would phase out classes of harmful chemicals from interfering with our children's futures.

I urge members of the House resources committee to support a healthy Alaskan community free of exposures to toxic flame retardants by voting to pass the bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jacica Kim

Sincerely,  
Miss. Jacica Kim  
[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, AK 99504  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Joan McBeen](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!  
**Date:** Thursday, April 4, 2019 9:00:15 AM

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John Lincoln  
Alaska Leg

RE: Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!

Dear John Lincoln,

Dear members of the House Resources Committee

I am deeply concerned about the health effects of toxic chemical flame retardants on Alaskan children and firefighters. These chemicals are associated with miscarriages, premature births, cancer, developmental harm, and neurological impairment.

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I urge members of the House resources committee to support a healthy Alaskan community free of exposures to toxic flame retardants by voting to pass the bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
President of the Joan McBeen  
[REDACTED]  
Tenakee Springs, AK 99841  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Kengo Nagaoka](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!  
**Date:** Thursday, April 4, 2019 11:13:57 AM

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John Lincoln  
Alaska Leg

RE: Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!

Dear John Lincoln,

Dear members of the House Resources Committee

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Mr. Kengo Nagaoka  
[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, AK 99508  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Nana Paldi](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 3, 2019 7:21:44 PM

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John Lincoln  
Alaska Leg

RE: Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!

Dear John Lincoln,

Dear members of the House Resources Committee

I am deeply concerned about the health effects of toxic chemical flame retardants on Alaskan children and firefighters. These chemicals are associated with miscarriages, premature births, cancer, developmental harm, and neurological impairment.

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I urge members of the House resources committee to support a healthy Alaskan community free of exposures to toxic flame retardants by voting to pass the bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Ms. Nana Paldi  
[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, AK 99707  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Christin Swearingen](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 3, 2019 8:43:00 PM

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John Lincoln  
Alaska Leg

RE: Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!

Dear John Lincoln,

Dear members of the House Resources Committee

I am a scientist- I have a master's degree in Natural Resources Management from UAF, and wrote a thesis on bioremediation of diesel. I think the best thing to do for our state is to ban toxic pollutants before they get into our environment.

I am deeply concerned about the health effects of toxic chemical flame retardants on Alaskan children and firefighters. These chemicals are associated with miscarriages, premature births, cancer, developmental harm, and neurological impairment.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Christin

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Christin Swearingen

[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK 99507

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Susan Vogt](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!  
**Date:** Thursday, April 4, 2019 4:40:10 AM

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John Lincoln  
Alaska Leg

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Dear John Lincoln,

Dear members of the House Resources Committee

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I urge members of the House resources committee to support a healthy Alaskan community free of exposures to toxic flame retardants by voting to pass the bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Susan Vogt  
[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, AK 99712  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Jill Wittenbrader](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!  
**Date:** Thursday, April 4, 2019 8:57:19 AM

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John Lincoln  
Alaska Leg

RE: Pass HB27 to protect our children and firefighters!

Dear John Lincoln,

Dear members of the House Resources Committee

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I urge members of the House resources committee to support a healthy Alaskan community free of exposures to toxic flame retardants by voting to pass the bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Ms. Jill Wittenbrader

[REDACTED]

Kodiak, AK 99615

[REDACTED]



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**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Susan Vogt  
269 Bias Dr.  
Fairbanks, AK 99712  
(907) 457-6767

**From:** [Alicia Sidebottom](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** Pass HB27!!  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 3, 2019 6:50:57 PM

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John Lincoln  
Alaska Leg

RE: Pass HB27!!

Dear John Lincoln,

Dear House Resources Committee members,

Please pass HB27! It is important that the dangerous toxic chemicals found in flame retardants can't harm the health of Alaskans. Many other states have already banned these toxics, and we should join them! Now that Anchorage has passed an ordinance to ban them, I think its important that everyone in the state can be free of these negative health effects. As a resident in Fairbanks, I definitely would want these toxic flame retardants banned in my community as well.

Thank you, and please pass HB27!

Sincerely,

Alicia Sidebottom

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Alicia Sidebottom  
[REDACTED]  
Palmer, AK 99645  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [JoAnn Lesh](#)  
**To:** [Rep. Geran Tarr](#); [Rep. John Lincoln](#); [Rep. Sara Hannan](#)  
**Subject:** Toxic-Free Firefighter and Children Act (HB27):ban toxic flame retardant chemicals in Alaska  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 3, 2019 7:42:56 PM

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Dear Representative,

In 2012, The 26th Legislature mourned the loss of Representative Carl Gatto. He was a retired Anchorage Firefighter who valiantly battled prostate cancer during his entire Legislative service. Fire gear and flame retardants in the PFOA chemical family are implicated for prostate cancer.

In the name of former Representative Carl Gatto, a hero and boss to me, please ban toxic flame retardant chemicals in Alaska.

JoAnn Lesh  
Gustavus, Alaska