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My name is Carl Propes and I am the owner of Scan Home furniture located in the Dover Center in midtown Anchorage. I started the business in 1983 and have been the local owner/operator ever since. I import furniture from around the world to Alaska. We source our furniture in Denmark, Italy, the Ukraine, Finland, Norway, Brazil, North and South America, as well as China, Vietnam and Thailand.

Scan Home is a past member of the Sustainable Furnishings Council, a coalition of manufacturers, retailers and designers dedicated to raising awareness and expanding the adoption of environmentally sustainable practices across the home furnishings industry. The Council has submitted a letter in support of HB27 Protecting the Health of Children and Firefighters Act .

I am submitting this letter in support of HB27 to protect the health of Alaska's children and firefighters by reducing their exposure to toxic flame retardant chemicals. If passed, this policy will prevent the manufacture, sale and distribution of toxic flame retardant chemicals in children's products and home furniture in Alaska.

We polled the majority of our manufacturers last fall to determine if their furniture contained toxic flame retardants and all of them were in full compliance with the recently-passed California legislation that addressed flammability and fire safety standards. Therefore, since this bill would seem to have a positive impact on our community and would not negatively impact my business I support the passage of HB27.

Sincerely,

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