



February 5, 2021

Senator Mia Costello, Chair  
Senate Labor and Commerce Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Room 119, State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Senate Bill 24

Dear Senator Costello:

The Alaska REALTORS® is the voice for real estate in Alaska. We service over 1,750 of the nearly 3000 licensees statewide. We are writing to express our support of Senate Bill 24 introduced by Senator David Wilson. Last year during the Second Session of the 31<sup>st</sup> Legislature, we worked with the Legislature and Administration to include language in SB241 allowing non-profit corporations the ability to continue to meet through electronic means in accordance with the adopted By-Laws. [Chapter 10 SLA 20, page 10, sec. 12(C), lines 14 – 17].

*(c) Notwithstanding AS 10.20.061 - 10.20.076, a meeting of the members of a nonprofit corporation organized under AS 10.20, including meeting notice and determination of a quorum, may be held by telecommunication to the extent the corporation's board adopts or amends bylaws to allow for an electronic meeting.*

This provision proved to be extremely important for Alaska REALTORS® in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic, allowing us the ability to conduct business. Had it not been in place our members would have been faced with (1) cancelling our annual meeting, or (2) requiring 10% of our membership, nearly 200 members, to travel from across the state to congregate together in order to conduct business. Although we appreciate the Legislature's inclusion of this language this authorization unfortunately was only temporary and sunset November 15, 2020 when the legislation and Governor's Public Health Emergency Declaration expired. While the Governor has issued subsequent Public Health Emergency Health Disaster Declarations every 30 days since November 15, 2020, including extension of this provision, it still remains temporary in nature.

The Alaska REALTORS® have continuously been on record in support of this needed operating procedure to provide our 1,750 members better access and the opportunity to participate in the business of the association. We are in support of SB24 to enact permanent authorization and urge its passage by the full Legislature.

Sincerely,

Errol Champion, Chair  
Legislative Issues Committee