



**State of Alaska
Department of Public Safety
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

**Sean Parnell, Governor
Joseph A. Masters, Commissioner**

February 17, 2011

Representative Olson
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building Room 24

Dear Representative Olson,

Thank you for allowing me to meet with you today. As you know, I oppose HB 125 and hope that you will work toward the defeat of this bill. I have attached a complaint procedure for our agency, a survey form that I intend to distribute to licensees who have recent contact with the ABC Board, and letters from others who do not support moving the ABC Board from under the Department of Public Safety to under the Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development.

I continue to work toward the best safety of our citizens as well as with industry members in the appropriate operation of their businesses. I respect alcohol industry members and also understand they are providing a legal yet dangerous product if not regulated and controlled appropriately. I fully admit improvements can be made within the ABC Board and I will continue to make changes. Moving the agency to the DCED will only serve to slow the process. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Shirley A. Gifford".

Shirley A. Gifford
Director

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