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Representative Eric Feige
State Capitol Room 126
Juneau Alaska, 99801

Reference: HB28 "An Act exempting solicitations or voluntary agreements to provide ambulance, emergency, or fire department services from regulation as insurance."

Dear Representative Feige,

I am writing today on behalf of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association in support of HB28 "An Act exempting solicitations or voluntary agreements to provide ambulance, emergency, or fire department services from regulation as insurance."

In some of our smaller communities across the State of Alaska raising funds to provide for Fire and EMS services is difficult at best. These agencies are not supported through local taxation and survive through donations and other fund raising means.

A model that has been used nationally is for the local Fire or EMS agency to charge a subscription or fee to provide services to an individual or family. The revenue generated by these fees goes directly to support the operations of the Emergency Service Provider.

We feel that HB28 makes clear that these agencies are not providing insurance and should not be regulated as such and we support the passage of this legislation.

Please let me know if we can provide any additional information is support of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Jeff Tucker, Fire Chief
North Star Volunteer Fire Department
AFCA Legislative Committee Chair