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Representative Geran Tarr
State Capitol Room 126
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Representative Tarr,

On behalf of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association I am writing to give our support to HB 27; "An Act relating to chemicals that are of high concern for children and to the manufacture and sale of products containing certain flame retardant chemicals; relating to an interstate chemicals clearinghouse; adding an unlawful act to the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act; and providing for an effective date."

Study after study have concluded that organohalogen flame retardant chemicals are a leading cause of cancer in firefighters. These products are used throughout today's households in furniture and other materials. When these flame retardants burn they release toxic cancer causing chemicals such as dioxins and furans which firefighters are then exposed to. The elimination of organohalogen flame retardant chemicals will go a long way to provide a less toxic atmosphere for our firefighters and help reduce their exposure to these toxins.

The Alaska Fire Chiefs Association on behalf of all firefighters in Alaska want to thank you for introducing HB 27 and we support its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Tucker", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeff Tucker, President
Alaska Fire Chiefs Association