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The Honorable Kurt Olson
State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Olson:

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business/Alaska, I wish to respectfully share our support for House bill 314 concerning the workers compensation program. The National Federation of Independent Business is the largest small-business advocacy group in Alaska.

HB 314 establishes a fee schedule for the Workers Compensation Program. We believe that this is a prudent first step toward reforming the program to reduce costs and improve the program.

As you know, the workers compensation premiums in Alaska are the highest in the nation. If we expect the program to continue to provide benefits without bankrupting employers, we must move to reduce the program costs and thus the premiums.

NFIB/AK members very much appreciate your willingness to begin addressing this critical problem.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis L. DeWitt
Alaska State Director

Cc: NFIB/AK Leadership Council

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