

Adrian Zimmer

From: Adrian Zimmer
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2010 4:17 PM
To: 'representative_kurt_olson@legis.state.ak.us'; 'conrad_jackson@legis.state.ak.us'
Subject: Senate Bill 117

Dear Representative Olson:

My name is Adrian Zimmer. I am Area Manager for Northern Sales Company, Inc. We are a wholesale distributor with warehouses throughout Alaska. Our business constitutes a thriving part of the wholesale industry in Alaska, and we employ +200 of Alaskans. I personally manage our Soldotna, Alaska location. I have lived in Soldotna with my family for 25 years. I employ nine full-time employees here.

I am a strong supporter of SB 117. The bill was recently referred to the House Labor & Commerce Committee which you currently Chair. I am writing to urge you to schedule this bill for a hearing in your committee, and to move the bill to the House Rules Committee for a floor vote.

The legislation closes a loophole in current law relating to the pricing of cigarettes. It is the result of over two years' hard work by a wide range of dedicated people, including wholesalers, retailers, the Tobacco Control groups, and the Department of Revenue. It constitutes an important compromise among all interested parties.

The bill has been heard four times in the Senate, including the Labor & Commerce and Finance Committees. The bill passed the Senate recently by a margin of 16-2. To date, no one has phoned or written to either of those committees in opposition of the bill. As you know, time is very short in this year's legislative session.

I appreciate your time and your public service. Again, I urge you to schedule this important piece of legislation for a hearing as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Adrian Zimmer

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