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To: house.labor.and.commerce@akleg.gov and
house.military.and.veterans.affairs@akleg.gov

RE:Support HJR20

Dear Representative Nelson, House Labor and Commerce Committee, and House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee:

I have never worked for Alaska Legislature and have held public office on Anchorage School Board 1990-1994. Also, one of my pet peeves is that testifying before Alaska Legislature is a "one way street." I can see you but I do not have the choice of you seeing me. I would prefer it if you would be able to see me. Please research zoom as an option. I think it would be cheaper than the system you have in place now which is cumbersome and requires additional staff to screen caller to put us into a Legislative Meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that I strongly support: "Encouraging the United States Congress to establish hiring goals for apprentices and veteran apprentices."

As I understand HJR20, this HJR does not have a joint SJR in Alaska Senate at this time. The Senate will introduce it if Alaska House takes a 2/3 vote on it. Only if both houses pass it will it go to our Alaska Congressional Delegation and will not be on our Alaska Ballot because it is not an amendment to Alaska Constitution.

I do not understand why this HJR has not also been introduced in Alaska Senate as a SJR. The only thing I can come up with is it might be repetitious. I also do not understand the implications of this HJR. There is not a fiscal note to it.

I would also like to know if you have specific examples of Veterans being denied Apprenticeships. Is this a rampant problem? It is noted that there is a lot of publicity about Veterans being homeless and food insecure, not to mention tremendous medical issues all of which are unfair to those who have served in the U.S. Military.

Have you dealt with U.S. Veterans' Administration about this issue? If HJR20 is supported by 2/3 of each House of Alaska Legislature, will the U.S. Veterans' Administration be informed as well as our Congressional Delegation?

I will call in at 3:15 P.M. for the House Labor and Commerce Committee Meeting and asked to be heard.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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