



March 1, 2012

Office of Representative Steve Thompson
State Capitol Room 428
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: House Bill 337

Dear Representative Thompson:

I am writing in support of House Bill 337 regarding amendments to AS08.48.055 for a designated full time investigator position assigned to the State of Alaska, Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS Board).

The Board currently does not have enough investigative resources to properly execute its responsibilities of the statutes and regulations governing public health, safety, and welfare within the state of Alaska.

There is currently one investigator assigned to serve the AELS Board, along with six other boards. It is impossible for one investigator to provide coverage throughout the state for seven boards. Alaska is poised to see an influx of new firms and individuals working in the state as a result of proposed oil development in the arctic, as well as other new development opportunities throughout Alaska. This increase in activity, coupled with the expanded branches of engineering, makes it unreasonable to expect that an investigator splitting his time between seven boards will be able to provide the focused investigative effort required by the AELS Board. This will result in violators slipping through the cracks and potentially putting Alaska residents in harm's way.

I request your positive consideration in support of House Bill 337.

Sincerely,

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