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

Re: House Bill 337

Dear Representative Thompson:

This letter is in support of House Bill 337 relative to amendments to AS 08.48.055 for a full time investigator for the State of Alaska, Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS Board).

The amendments are requested to improve the performance of the Boards ability to investigate violations and enforce statutes and regulations related to the public health, safety, and welfare in the State of Alaska.

The AELS Board is assigned one investigator that is presently assigned to six additional boards. In the past the AELS Board was assigned two full time investigators and one half time investigator. While the number of investigators was reduced the work load has increased. A large number of firms and individuals not familiar with our statutes and regulations and involved in the design professions have been relocating to Alaska, in conjunction with increasing pressure on the present part time inspector spending more effort on the other six boards makes investigation and enforcement difficult.

Consideration and support of House Bill 337 is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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