

House Community and Regional Affairs Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801



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March 10, 2009

Re: Support for HB 156

To the House Community & Regional Affairs Committee:

On behalf of Anchorage Downtown Partnership, Ltd., I would like to ask for passage of House Bill 156 introduced by Representatives Bob Lynn, Jay Ramras and Harry Crawford.

We believe HB 156 ("An Act relating to municipal fees charged for disposal of waste material from the substantial rehabilitation, renovation, demolition, removal, or replacement of a structure on deteriorated property") will give municipalities the flexibility they need to assist developers who tackle difficult development or redevelopment projects in deteriorated zones throughout our state.

We respectfully ask that you approve this bill.

Warm regards,

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Christopher M. Schutte
Executive Director



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March 5, 2009

Statement of Support of HB 156

Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor's Office

Good morning, my name is Kathryn Dodge. I work as Mayor Whitaker's Economic Development Specialist and I am also the Fairbanks North Star Borough's Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) director. I am here to speak on HB 156, a bill that would allow municipalities to waive tipping fees for substantial rehabilitation, renovation, demolition, removal or replacement of a deteriorated property.

I am certain that all of you can think of a deteriorated property in your community that you would love to see redeveloped. I am equally certain that as you think of that property, and you envision it being renovated or rehabilitated and returned to productive use, you intuitively recognize the value that action would have to your community's well-being and surrounding property values.

For these reasons, I have no objection to HB 156. It may be helpful in rehabilitating deteriorated properties in our municipalities. Further, given that adoption of this change requires Assembly approval and therefore, public comment on the public value of granting waivers to deteriorated properties, and presumably for each actual waiver considered, I encourage you to support this bill.



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March 3, 2009

Regarding: House Bill No. 156

Dear Senate Bunde,

I would like to express my opinion that I support House Bill No. 156, "An Act relating to municipal fees charged for disposal of waste material from the substantial rehabilitation, renovation, demolition, removal, or replacement of a structure on deteriorated property."

We have many properties in several major cities here in Alaska that have been neglected and abandoned due to their age or construction methods that hinder our communities. Many of the reasons are the safety, health risks, and fire hazards. These properties also put blight on the neighborhoods and a heavy burden on our cities.

With the economy being in such disarray and municipalities facing short falls in their budgets, it makes sense to give developers a helping hand in trying to either restore such properties or simply remove them if it enhances the property and nearby properties. These actions can make our cities a safer place to live without taxing our cities financial resources, as when the fire or police departments are called out to spend countless hours looking for vandals.

I believe that this bill will help better the communities throughout the State of Alaska.

Sincerely,

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Shawn Evans
REALTOR, GFR, NAR

March 3, 2009

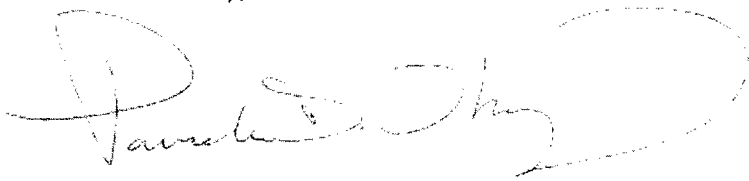
Regarding: House Bill No. 156

Dear Representative Ramras,

I am in support of House Bill No. 156 regarding "An Act relating to municipal fees charged for disposal of waste material from the substantial rehabilitation, renovation, demolition, removal, or replacement of a structure on deteriorated property."

This bill will give investors incentive to purchase run down properties that hinder our communities and renovate or remodel them to bring up the property value. This bill will create renovation projects to the high number of buildings abandoned due to their poor construction and age in the State of Alaska. These abandoned buildings have created safety issues, health risk, and fire hazards.

Sincerely,

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Pamela Throop
Owner, Broker
Alaska Commercial Properties, Inc.

March 3, 2009

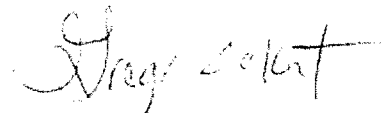
Regarding: House Bill No. 156

Dear Representative Ramras,

I, Greg Eckert, am in support of House Bill No. 156 regarding "An Act relating to municipal fees charged for disposal of waste material from the substantial rehabilitation, renovation, demolition, removal, or replacement of a structure on deteriorated property."

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Sincerely,

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Greg Eckert
Equipment Operator
American Mechanical Inc.

March 3, 2009

Regarding: House Bill No. 156

Dear Representative Ramras,

I, Rebecca Norris, am in support of House Bill No. 156 regarding "An Act relating to municipal fees charged for disposal of waste material from the substantial rehabilitation, renovation, demolition, removal, or replacement of a structure on deteriorated property."

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Norris".

Rebecca Norris
Executive Assistant
Alaska Commercial Properties, Inc.

March 3, 2009

Regarding: House Bill No. 156

Dear Representative Ramras,

I, Andrea Barker, am in support of House Bill No. 156 regarding "An Act relating to municipal fees charged for disposal of waste material from the substantial rehabilitation, renovation, demolition, removal, or replacement of a structure on deteriorated property."

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Sincerely,

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Andrea Barker
REALTOR, GFBR, NAR
Alaska Land & Residential Properties

March 3, 2009

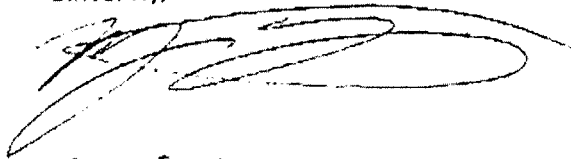
Regarding: House Bill No. 156

Dear Representative Ramras,

I, Morgan Evans, am in support of House Bill No. 156 regarding "An Act relating to municipal fees charged for disposal of waste material from the substantial rehabilitation, renovation, demolition, removal, or replacement of a structure on deteriorated property."

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Sincerely,

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Morgan Evans
Vice President
Alaska Commercial Construction

March 3, 2009

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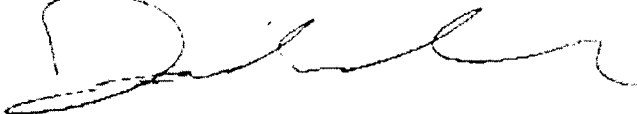
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I, Dave Schroeder, am in support of House Bill No. 156 regarding "An Act relating to municipal fees charged for disposal of waste material from the substantial rehabilitation, renovation, demolition, removal, or replacement of a structure on deteriorated property."

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Sincerely,

Dave Schroeder
Superintendent
Alaska Commercial Construction

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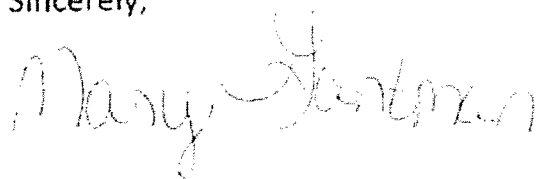
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Sincerely,

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Mary Gantman
Bookkeeper
Alaska Commercial Construction