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The Honorable Carl Gatto
State Capitol Building
Juneau Alaska 99801-1182

RE: House Bill 37

Dear Representative Gatto

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business/Alaska, I wish to express our support for House Bill 37. The National Federation of Independent Business is the largest small-business advocacy group in Alaska.

We support state policies that maximize individual freedom of choice in the pursuit of employment and encourage an employment climate that is conducive to economic growth. An employee's ability to work ought not be infringed or restricted in any way based on membership in, affiliation with, or financial support of a labor organization. Employees should have the individual option to refuse to join, affiliate with, or support in any way a labor organization without jeopardizing their economic future.

HB 37 provides these reasonable protections for individuals who may not wish to be involved in a labor union.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis", is written over a large, stylized, handwritten "D" that serves as a flourish.

Dennis L. DeWitt
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