

Rep. Mike Kelly  
Alaska House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

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Dear Rep. Kelly:

I would like to express my support for HB 185, *"An Act relating to the labor organization position of state agencies and others with regard to construction contracts paid for by state money."*

This bill would create a fair bidding process for awarding state construction contracts. Given our weakened economy, we must provide parity to allow non-union contractors to compete for these critical construction projects. Competition, in turn, creates an environment whereby the State will be guaranteed projects completed most cost-effectively.

The "neutrality" language provided in the bill ensures that both union and non-union contractors have equal opportunity and that contracts will be awarded on the merits of a proposal alone.

I appreciate your efforts and look forward to the long-term cost savings to the State realized by this measure.

Sincerely,

*Heath E. Hilyard*

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