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The Honorable Mike Kelly  
Alaska House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building  
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Regarding House Bill 185

Representative Kelly,

As a business owner I wish to express my support of House Bill 185. My firm has 14 employees and has been doing business in Alaska since 1983 and we serve the whole state. We are a certified firm through a national organization, one of two firms certified for the work we perform in the State of Alaska. We are the largest firm in our field in the state and have a very high recommendation from our contractors, but we have lost work even when we were the lowest bidder to out of state contractors due to PLA's in both Anchorage and Juneau. Here were projects where Alaska citizens where not allowed to work on them and instead the money went out of State. What would Alaska be like if a large percentage of the construction projects were sent out to non state firms and workers? The Merit system works and should remain the guiding factor in determine who gets a project.

HB 185 promotes and ensures open competition on state construction projects, while maintaining government neutrality towards construction contractors' labor relations.

My staff of employees have been with me for quite a while, but that my not be the case if PLA's go into effect. My prices would have to go up and therefore my work load I believe would decrees. His would cause me to lay off workers and my firm would either struggle to survive, or go out of business completely.

Your House bill is very important to the construction business and their employees. I want to thank you for introducing this important legislation on behalf of employees and employers across this fine State of Alaska.

Sincerely your,  
Ronald D. Neffendorf  
President