

ALASKA

February 17, 2010

The Honorable Kurt Olson State Capitol Building Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: House Bill 346

Dear Representative Olson:

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business/Alaska, I wish to respectfully share our support for House Bill 346. The National Federation of Independent Business is the largest small-business advocacy group in Alaska.

House Bill 346 creates a Workers' Compensation Advisory Board to advise the Department of Labor and Workforce Development on workers compensation issues. It is important to have those affected by policies that will be adopted relative to workers' compensation.

We would request that you consider requiring that one employer member be from a small business as our concerns are different from those of larger, perhaps multi-state employers, found in the oil industry and self insured employers.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis L. De Witt Alaska State Director

Cc: NFIB/AK Leadership Council