

# THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE & ARSON INVESTIGATORS



February 15, 2011

Representative Carl Gatto  
Representative Max Gruenberg  
Representative Bob Lynn

Reference: House Bill 56 - Arson

Dear Representatives:

The Alaska Association of Fire & Arson Investigators is in total support of House Bill 56 and would like to offer our assistance in any way, which would aid in the enactment of this bill.

It is our belief the enactment of this bill will provide a greater deterrent to the crime of arson and allow for the prosecution of arson/conspiracy cases, where the actual arson was not completed, but a crime nonetheless committed. This will put a closure to a loophole presently in the current law.

Please feel free to contact my office at 907-262-4792 or [ghale@borough.kenai.ak.us](mailto:ghale@borough.kenai.ak.us).

Sincerely,

Gary E. Hale, President  
Alaska Association of Fire & Arson Investigators