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Representative Kurt Olson  
Chairman  
House Labor & Commerce Committee  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 24  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Olson:

**REFERENCE: House Bill 167**

As a professional engineer practicing in the State of Alaska, I offer my support for HB 167 dealing with proposed amendments to AS 08.48.221 Seals, AS 08.48.281 Prohibited Practice, AS 08.48.331 Exemptions, and AS 08.48.341 Definitions.

Buildings have gotten a good deal more sophisticated since the 1970's in Alaska. Professionalism in the design industry and the construction industry has generally increased greatly in support of the new ways to construct buildings. As the building design and construction industry gets more sophisticated, the regulations governing it must also reflect the level of responsibility required by all the players to construct safe and energy efficient buildings for the citizens of Alaska to use.

During our many years in Alaska, we at RSA Engineering, Inc. have come across many creative construction techniques from the past. Many of these things we find cost building owners many dollars in terms of energy use and some are dangerous to the building occupants. Many of these issues are a result of unpermitted construction or renovations. It's time for Alaska to close these loopholes and require safe construction by all contractors.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Vice President

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