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Senator Donny Olson
State Capitol Room 508
Juneau AK, 99801

Reference: SB 151/High-Risk Chemicals for Child Exposure

Dear Senator Olson,

On behalf of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association I am writing to express our support for SB 151; Title: "An Act relating to chemicals that are of high concern for children and to the manufacture and sale of products containing certain flame retardant chemicals; relating to an interstate chemicals clearinghouse; adding an unlawful act to the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act; and providing for an effective date."

As its predecessors Polybrominated Fire Retardants (PBDEs), tris flame retardants have been proven to be toxic chemicals and hazardous not only to residents in homes, but to firefighters who may be called to fight fires. Firefighters have enough health exposures in our workplaces and tris flame retardants present an additional hazard for those of us in the fire safety profession. We need to know that we are safe so that we can take care of other people. Alaska can achieve fire safety without toxic chemicals.

The Alaska Fire Chiefs Association supports the passage of SB 151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Tucker", written over a horizontal dashed line.

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