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The Honorable Pete Kelly
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
State Capitol Room 516
Juneau AK 99801

Dear Senator Kelly:

I am writing to express my support of HB 305, "An Act repealing the requirement that a junk dealer or metal scrapper obtain a license," and the House Finance committee amendment regarding scrap metal dealer record requirements.

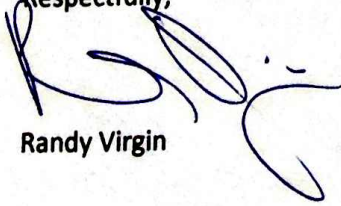
RockTenn is one of North America's leading integrated manufacturers of corrugated and consumer packaging and recycling solutions, with domestic operations across 37 states. In Alaska, we have one recycling facility that employs a dozen people. Our Anchorage operations include a scrap metal yard, in addition to the sorting and baling of various types of commercial and residential recyclables.

Alaska is one of the last states in the nation to enact legislation that attempts to restrict sales of stolen scrap metal. At RockTenn, we are committed to combatting these thefts, and we strive to avoid any transactions that are not legitimate. We support the intent of the legislation and share your hope that it will reduce incidence of theft.

We currently maintain detailed records of each purchase, including much of the information required by the proposed legislation. We expect to be able to comply with the proposal without significant impact to our business.

I commend the sponsors for consulting with dealers like us and incorporating our input into the proposed amendment. The result is a set of requirements that will impede less scrupulous dealers without creating an unreasonable burden for honest businesses. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,


Randy Virgin