

April 4th, 2015

RE: HB 167 – Aircraft - Survival gear requirements for operations in Alaska

To Whom It May Concern:

Ravn Airgroup represents the consolidated group of airlines; Corvus Airlines (previously Era Aviation), Hageland Aviation and Frontier Flying Service. Our airlines provide daily passenger and charter service to over 100 communities throughout the State of Alaska. As FAA certificated Part 135 and Part 121 air carriers, we have struggled with the lack of alignment between the state statutes and the FAA regulations we must comply with.

We support HB 167 in that it correctly exempts carriers/operators who otherwise have to comply with stringent Federal Aviation Regulations and respectfully request the House Transportation Committee approve this measure and forward to the full Legislature for adoption.

HB 167 updates the existing state statutes to present day industry standards and provides a practical solution for air carriers while protecting passenger safety and security.

Sincerely,



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