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The Honorable Kurt Olson, Chair House Labor & Commerce Committee Alaska State Capitol Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: Opposition to SB47 - Life Insurance / Annuity Exemptions

Dear Representative Olson:

The Alaska Bankers Association wishes to respectfully inform you of its opposition to Senate Bill 47. SB47 would provide a safe harbor in the sheltering of assets from creditors. Creditors faced with a bankruptcy must be able to protect their rights. Creditors have a right to get a portion of distributions from a bankrupt estate according to the priority of their claim. Removing the current \$500,000 cap would effectively reduce the bankruptcy estate and any subsequent distribution to creditors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Lundgren, President Alaska Bankers Association