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Senators
Alaska State capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re; Support of SB 43

Senators,

On behalf of the Interior Fire Chiefs I am writing this letter in support of Senate Bill 43 that provides immunity from liability protection for fire departments and its members who contract services with a municipality or are employees of a municipality while performing duties of service. We support language that excludes gross negligence and willful misconduct by fire department employees.

SB 43 clarifies state law providing a clear immunity protection for fire departments and its members. This immunity will provide legal protection to fire departments and firefighters which will help reduce or eliminate costly lawsuits that could have a negative impact on the local taxpayer.

Thank you for your support of SB 43.

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