



March 14, 2017

Representative Jonathon Kreiss-Tomkins, Chair
House State Affairs Committee
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 411
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Chair Kreiss-Tomkins:

On behalf of the Associated Builders and Contractors – Alaska Chapter, a construction industry trade association with 142 members, I am writing to express our strong support for House Bill 74 – Driver’s Licenses, ID Cards and the Real ID Act.

Construction projects on military bases represent a significant amount of work for our members. To continue to access work sites on military bases and in federal facilities Alaskans will be required to have IDs and driver’s licenses issued by the Department of Administration that are Real ID compliant. If the Department continues to be prevented from issuing them, by June 6, 2017 our ability to access work sites will be severely impacted. The state should issue these ids to people who need them and not put Alaskans’ ability to work or travel at stake while maintaining the option for those who don’t want a Real ID to select the current state ID or license as is provided in the bill.

Asking the Alaska construction workforce to get passports isn’t a realistic option. It would be tragic if they only people able to work on construction projects at Military bases in Alaska were workers from lower 48 states that have Real ID compliant licenses.

We urge your support of House Bill 74 to ensure our members have the ability to choose a Real ID compliant ID and continue to access worksites.

Sincerely,

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