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Rep. Matt Claman, Chairman House Judiciary Committee Alaska State Legislature Juneau, Alaska

Re: HB79 Workers Compensation Omnibus

Dear Chairman Claman,

We are pleased to support the amendments that you propose as Amendment #8 to CSHB79 relative to paragraph (H) dealing with independent contractors.

This amendment will allow for the orderly conduct of traditional business relationships that have existed for decades. Thank to you and to Commissioner Drygas and Director Marx for their willingness to work through the issues to a satisfactory conclusion.

I will be available on line for question at the HJUD hearing at 5:30 pm.

Sincerely,

Aves Thompson Executive Director

Cc: Commissioner Heidi Drygas, DOLWD Director Marie Marx, Division Director, WC Division