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The Honorable Matt Claman, Chair
House Judiciary Committee
State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: House Bill 79

Dear Representative Claman:

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business/Alaska, I wish to respectfully withdraw our opposition to House Bill 79. The National Federation of Independent Business is the largest small-business advocacy group in Alaska.

We have reviewed Representative Reinbold's propose amendment to Section 28 that would amend AS 23.30.230(a). We believe that it reflects what an independent contractor is and should be enacted into law as the amendment is written.

We believe that the proposed bill reflects a fair compromise and should move forward with the amendments that will be adopted in the House Judiciary Committee Substitute. We hope to see it become law in the form it is leaving the House Judiciary Committee.

NFIB appreciates the efforts of Representative Reinbold, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and yourself in developing this language that protects Alaska's small businesses and independent contractors from unnecessary government intrusion into their ability work together and contribute to our economy.

Sincerely yours,



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Alaska State Director

Cc: NFIB/AK Leadership Council
Representative Reinbold