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April 11, 2018

Senator Anna MacKinnon, Co-Chair  
Senator Lyman Hoffman, Co-Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
State Capitol, Room 532  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: HB79 Workers' Compensation Omnibus

Dear Senators MacKinnon and Hoffman,

We are pleased to support HB79 as presented to the Senate Finance Committee, particularly, Sec 32 para (a) (12) starting on line 31, page 16, continuing through line 15, page 18, dealing with the definitions of Independent Contractors. There are other concerns that have been raised by other organizations concerning some of the program requirements. We support maintaining benefits for workers, reducing costs for employers, streamlining and clarifying program requirements and administration and not increasing either the size or cost of government.

This legislation will allow for the orderly conduct of traditional trucking business relationships that have existed for decades. Thanks to Commissioner Drygas and Director Marx for their willingness to work through the Independent Contractor issues to a satisfactory conclusion.

I will be available on line for questions at the Senate Finance Committee hearing at 9:00 am on April 12, 2018.

Sincerely,



Aves Thompson  
Executive Director

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