



May 7, 2019

Senator Lora Reinbold  
Chair, Senate Labor and Commerce Committee  
State Capitol Room 427  
Juneau AK, 99801

AK SB 106-Oppose

Senator Reinbold,

Representing nearly 60 percent of the U.S. property casualty insurance market, the American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA) promotes and protects the viability of private competition for the benefit of consumers and insurers. APCIA represents the broadest cross-section of home, auto, and business insurers of any national trade association. APCIA members represent all sizes, structures, and regions, which protect families, communities, and businesses in the U.S. and across the globe.

Of interest to our member insurers is SB 106 which would require that non-renewal notices for homeowners' and renters' insurance be sent to the insurance division in addition to the insured. It appears to us that this provision is intended to ensure that the insurance company has complied with the 20 day notice requirement for non-renewals. This requirement will be an extra compliance burden on insurers and seems redundant since the insured is the most important party to notify of their insurance policy related changes.

Secondly, the bill prohibits the insurer from considering the first claim within three years for non-renewal purposes. There are no apparent exceptions from this onerous underwriting and coverage mandate. For example, what if the first claim is something alarming like an alleged incident of arson or if the insured's pit bull dog attacks a neighbor?

For these reasons, we urge you to oppose SB 106 when it is considered in the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Schneider". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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