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To Members of the House Labor and Commerce Committee:

I am writing today on behalf of members of the Alaska Support Industry Alliance (the Alliance) to express our concern about HB 186, "An Act relating to volunteer labor compliance officers; and providing for an effective date."

To be honest, we aren't sure what problem this is trying to solve. The data provided by the Department of Labor certainly doesn't support creating a law that gives everyday Alaskans such power on private sector job sites.

In addition, the description of the program as merely "a volunteer labor compliance officer (who) may inspect a construction site and document compliance with state labor law", downplays the incredible authority given three lines later in (b) (2) "delegate to a qualified volunteer labor compliance officers; authority to enter a place of employment and inspect records"

Entering a place of employment and inspecting records is much more invasive to a private business than inspecting a job site.

We look forward to watching the bill hearing on Friday, January 19th and learning more about the bill, but at this point, our initial assessment is not supportive.

Thank you for your consideration,


Rebecca Logan
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The Alliance