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Representative Sumner  
House Labor and Commerce Committee  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support for House Bill 186

Dear Representative Sumner,

I am the owner of KC Corporation, a general contractor based in Anchorage Alaska. Our Company provides a wide range of commercial construction services across the State of Alaska.

I am writing today to express our company support for House Bill 186.

Alaska is a vast State with construction projects in nearly every area of the state. The task of trying to enforce the current wage laws to protect public funds, Alaska workers, and honest Alaska contractors is a monumental one given the geographic size of our state, our limited resources, and an ever-dwindling budget.

KC Corporation sees HB 186 as a unique and innovative way to ensure that construction investments, both public and private, keep Alaska a fair place to do business.

When reading over this bill, I realized it has been several years since we have seen a wage and hour investigator on any of our projects. This is of concern to me as a business owner who is trying to provide quality products for clients and good sustainable jobs for the people who work for us.

When laws are not enforced it becomes easier and easier for bad actors to take advantage of the lack of oversight, this in turn makes it harder and harder for contractors like me to be competitive. Contractors who play by the rules are left with few options; take fewer and fewer jobs and lay people off, close our doors or start gaming the system. None of those are ideal options for either our company, our employees, or our community.

So, thank you for your creative approach to this problem, and I look forward to seeing this bill passed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jesse James". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "X".

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