



January 29, 2024

Representative Sumner,

We are writing to you and your committee today in support of House Bill 186.

We were both raised in Juneau, Alaska. We have worked as electricians for many years, and now own and operate our own electrical company based in Juneau and operating throughout Southeast.

The construction industry has been a great career for us. We have employed on average 12 year round electricians for the last 13 years. They are all highly trained and keep up to date Certificate of Fitness cards, CPR cards and continuing education testing certificates.

Unfortunately, over the past 5-10 years we have seen a steady decline in the enforcement of our labor laws in Alaska. Less oversight and enforcement of our labor laws does not go unnoticed by contractors especially the type of contractor that won't hesitate to cut corners and leverage everything to their advantage to make an extra buck. Sadly there is plenty of this type of contractor out there. Labor laws were put in place for good reasons, these reasons have not changed, but without any enforcement they do no good, "When the cats away the mice will play". HB 186 isn't perfect, but it's much better than doing nothing.

Sincerely,

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