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Dear Senators,

I whole-heartedly oppose a state building code!

There is too much variation in building practices between the regions of Alaska to make a "one size fits all" code. Building practices that make sense in one section of the state may not work in other parts of the state. While it is heartwarming that Anchorage builders are concerned over the needs of the rest of Alaska, each region has their own building practices. Mortgage companies have their own standards for units in these regions, as well.

Please keep the state out of building codes and allow the borough and other regions to be flexible in building practices in their region. State interference will drive up the price of new construction, add construction delays while waiting for state inspectors, and lead to cost overruns. In the event you have ever had to get a license or permit approved by the state, you know this takes 6-8 weeks at a minimum. Snap benefits are backlogged. How quickly do you think state inspectors will appear? We already have a housing crisis in many places in Alaska. How much greater will that housing crisis be if we add state interference.

Please vote no on state building codes.

Kind Regards,

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