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Date: April 27, 2007

Re: HB 47 Fire Fighter/EMT License Plate & Tuition

We the undersigned agree to waive HB 47 from House State Affairs Committee and on to House Finance Committee. Signature and agreement to waive does not constitute support or opposition to the bill, nor obligate the member to a specific vote on the House Floor.

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Rep. Bob Lynn, Chair

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Representative Mark A. Neuman

District 15

House Bill 47

An Act creating the line-of-duty death survivor education benefits fund and relating to special fire fighter and emergency medical service provider license plates.

Alaska is fortunate to have such dedicated citizens willing to face all manner of danger to protect the lives and property of their neighbors. Persons involved in fire and rescue show the spirit and grit that deserves our recognition and support.

Through this bill we aim to honor those who have committed themselves to the safety and preservation of the communities where they live. This bill creates a series of three license plates to be sold by the DMV. The revenue from which will be used to fund a line of duty death benefit.

Beth Schneider

From: Cameron M Wohlford, PE [c.wohlford@esterfire.org]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2007 11:43 PM
To: Rep. Mark Neuman
Cc: Rep. David Guttenberg
Subject: HB47

Representative Neumann,

I am writing in full support of House Bill 47, creating a license plate for firefighters and medics and a trust fund for the families of our fallen brothers and sisters. I am a 12 year member of a volunteer fire department here in Ester. I am the assistant chief and as such, I am sending this message not only from myself but the 30 volunteer firefighters and medics also.

Our department suffered a line of duty death in 1992 when Christine Pennington was killed while responding to a heart attack call. Her memory is with us each day as we respond to many emergencies. After her death, her family established a scholarship fund that has helped many young firemen and women train and educate themselves at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I feel a trust fund for families of those whom die in the line of duty is not only an honorable thing to do, it is also responsible. A volunteer puts his life on the line each day to help his or her community, for no pay. If the members dies in the line of duty, the family not only loses a father or mother, but a breadwinner for the family. Education funding for college becomes secondary to just making it through the day. This fund, though hopefully never utilized, will provide a much needed benefit to the families of these brave men and women.

I also like the idea of identifying my folks while responding or on scene. To many time the state troopers assume our personal vehicles are part of the accident scene, even going as far as calling a tow truck once!! With proper ID, we can not only keep our members safe on scene, authorities on scene will know which cars belong to the fire deparment members.

I am copying my represetative and encouraging David to support your bill.

I will be in Juneau next week for the Alaska Fire Chiefs Conference. I have ask the interior contingent of chiefs to contact their representatives to support your bill. If I get the opportunity, I would like to stop by your office to discuss this bill and other fire deparment related matters.

Sincerely,
Cameron Wohlford
EVFD Assistant Chief
907-479-6858

Please visit our website at www.esterfire.org

Nancy Manly

From: Pearson Family [pearson@alaska.net]
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2007 1:58 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: Continue to support HB47 as written!!!

Dear Rep Lynn

I just recently learned about the status of HB 47 (license plate legislation). As an Alaskan firefighter, I think that this is an excellent bill, and hope you continue to support it, and pass it through the committee as written. Thank you for being involved with this bill!

Sven Pearson
Auke Bay Volunteer Fire Department

PS. Thanks for supporting Girl Scouts (My daughter sold you some cookies a couple weeks ago!)

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January 31, 2007

Representative Mark Neuman
State Capitol, Room 432
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Support for HB 47

Dear Representative Neuman,

I am writing to indicate my support for House Bill 47 that you recently introduced to the current legislative session. It is gratifying to have a representative in the legislature that values, and is willing to recognize, the efforts of the many volunteer firefighters and emergency medical service providers that respond to aid their fellow citizens around Alaska. The creation of a specialized license plate, and extension of educational benefits to survivors of responders who die in the line of duty is a very worthy initiative.

Your bill may also ultimately assist in first responder operations and make an important contribution to public safety by helping in on-scene identification of responders arriving in their personally owned vehicles (POVs). This vehicle identification could aid responders in bypassing the traffic snarls that inevitably result from motor vehicle accidents and other roadside emergencies. It could also assist in scene safety by allowing the easy identification of responders POVs from among the unauthorized vehicles too often found parked in the vicinity that may belong to people such as acquaintances of the victims, media representatives, or curious onlookers.

It is my opinion that the classification that your bill adds to AS 28.10.181 is one of the most important special purpose vehicle designations allowed under that statute. Please advise me if there is anything else I can do to assist you in seeing that this bill becomes law.

Sincerely,

Mark Simpson
President & Firefighter, Ester Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Bob Lynn

FROM: Representative Mark Neuman 

DATE: April 19, 2007

SUBJECT: Hearing Request for HB 47

Attached is a committee package for House Bill 47, An Act creating the line-of-duty death survivor education benefits fund and relating to special fire fighter and emergency medical service provider license plates. The package includes the current version of the bill, sponsor statement, and backup materials.

I would appreciate the scheduling of this legislation before the House Finance Committee. Please feel free to contact me, or my aide Rex Shattuck, with any questions.

Attached you will find a background packet for HB 47.

Thank you for your consideration.