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May11, 2023

Representative Andrew Gray  
State Capitol Room 434  
Juneau, AK 99801

*Delivered via email*

*Representative.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov*

Re: HB-184 Short-Term Rental Unit Registry

Dear Representative Gray,

The Greater Juneau Chamber of Commerce has “housing” as one of its priorities along with our mission of protecting private sector businesses. While your bill may be written with good intentions, the Chamber strongly objects to controlling short-term rentals at the state level.

As to the bill itself, section 34.90.040 - limiting short-term rentals to one per person - makes no sense. This provision could negatively impact the availability and affordability of accommodations, especially for lower-income travelers. Each community has different conditions for housing. Short-term rentals provide options for the independent traveler when there are no affordable (or acceptable) hotel accommodations. A different type of workforce housing is needed by the visitor industry – in response to a seasonal industry. The issue of the availability of housing can often be restated as availability of “affordable” housing. However, the state should not attempt to control local housing markets.

We acknowledge and appreciate your dedication to addressing housing issues throughout the State of Alaska and thank you for your commitment to the welfare of the Great State of Alaska!

Respectfully,

A blue ink signature of John Blasco.

John Blasco  
President

A blue ink signature of Craig E. Dahl.

Craig E. Dahl,  
Government Affairs

cc: Representative Jesse Sumner, Chair House Labor & Commerce  
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