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Dear Fellow Alaskan,

With just a few days left in the 25th Alaska Legislature, the final actions taken by lawmakers will have a major impact on Alaska and Alaskans. HB 111, a critical bill which would lower the Business License Fee, is currently stalled.

The Alaska economy is blessed by people with an entrepreneurial spirit. Business leaders provide new ideas and develop innovative products and services. By investing in their businesses, small firm owners make a major contribution to our economy.

The original version of HB111 that I proposed would have returned the business license fee, which was increased to \$100 under the former administration, to \$25. The fee increase has caused a hardship for those who are helping grow our economy, especially people who operate home-based and part-time businesses.

The House Finance Committee amended the bill to set the fee at \$50 and it sailed through the House because it makes good business sense. HB 111 is currently stalled in the Senate Finance Committee. I urge you to contact your senator TODAY and let him or her know that HB111 is good for Alaskans, who should not be penalized for stimulating economic growth.

Until next time,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Palin".

Governor Sarah Palin