



December 17, 2018

Sara Chambers, Division Director
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RE: Support for Improved Professional Licensing Process for Military Personnel and Military Spouses

Dear Ms. Chambers,

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce supports the efforts of the Department of Commerce, in conjunction with the Alaska Coalition for Veteran's and Military Families, to make improvements in the process for military personnel and military spouses to apply for professional licenses in an expedited manner.

We support a professional licensing application that allows military personnel and military spouses to quickly and easily self-identify in order to fast track their professional license application. Since the fast track process is already in place and the need has already been identified among military communities across the state, there is emphasis on effectively connecting people to the current expedited application process. A simple fix to the license application could fill this existing gap and serve a need across military communities that would allow military professionals a higher level of continuity in their careers when they are stationed here in Alaska. We support military personnel and spousal access to the expedited professional licensing application process.

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce represents over 700 business members throughout Interior Alaska. We work to advocate for the best business environment, promote economic strength and growth for Interior Alaska, and to develop the resources and networks enterprising people use to share knowledge.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Marisa Sharrah

Marisa Sharrah
President & CEO
Fairbanks Chamber

Handwritten signature of Tiffany Van Horn

Tiffany Van Horn
Chair
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